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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 27, 2015  
**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors  
**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.   
Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services  
**SUBJECT:** Change in Endorsement Name of the Hearing Impairment (SL) to Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SL)

The title of the Hearing Impairment (SL) endorsement for teachers of special education has been changed to Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SL). The standards for the SL endorsement programs have not changed.

All existing Hearing Impairment (SL) endorsements will be changed within the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) to reflect the new name. Educators currently holding this endorsement may wish to print a new copy of their certificate by following these steps:

1. Log into MOECS ([www.michigan.gov/moecs](http://www.michigan.gov/moecs)).
2. Use the blue buttons on the left hand side of the screen to choose the "Print Certificate" button.
3. Select the certificate to print and click the "Download Certificate Button" below the selected certificate.

A notarized copy of each educator's certificate must be maintained by the employing district.

All educators completing state approved SL endorsement programs in the future will receive the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SL) endorsement.

For more information on this change, please contact the Office of Professional Preparation Services at 517-373-3310.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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