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Dear Colleague:

In lieu of the traditional statewide regional update meetings that provide information on issues impacting teacher preparation and certification, including the current status of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind, the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will conduct one Lansing-based information meeting on November 16, 2009, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center (previously the Holiday Inn West), 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI.

Intermediate and local school district superintendents, public school academy officials, and private school administrators are encouraged to attend. Please share this notice with your human resources directors. In order to help us plan, we ask that you e-mail your attendance to Ms. Denise Dickenson at dickensond@michigan.gov. There is no registration fee for attendance. The update meeting is scheduled from 8:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A total of .3 SB-CEUs will be made available to any attendee who desires them.

In addition to the Lansing-based meeting, the OPPS will also offer on-line, web-based versions of the annual presentation in the form of podcasts. While we regret that we will not have the face-to-face interaction with school personnel, we hope that this alternative will provide a video resource that can be viewed at a time and date convenient to school staff and referenced multiple times over the course of the year.

These podcasts, certification update manual, PowerPoint presentation, and agenda will be available on our website at: www.michigan.gov/teachercert during the week of November 16, 2009.

Enclosed is a tentative agenda for your review. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.; the meeting will start at 8:50 a.m. Staff presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

We invite you to contact us with any specific questions/issues you would like to have addressed. The OPPS staff is looking forward to meeting and talking with you.

Sincerely,

Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

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2009 TEACHER CERTIFICATION UPDATE MEETING

AGENDA

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| 8:30-8:50 | Registration |
| 8:50 | Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Flora L. Jenkins, Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services |
| 9:00 | Teacher Certification Overview- Ms. Krista Ried, Teacher Quality
Coordinator |
| 9:30 | School Counselors - Ms. Beatrice Harrison, Higher Education
Consultant |
| 9:45 | Teacher Permits - Ms. Krista Ried, Teacher Quality Coordinator |
| 10:00 | Administrator Certification – Ms. Donna Hamilton, Higher Education
Consultant |
| 10:15 | ESEA/NCLB Highly Qualified Update – Ms. Krista Ried, Teacher Quality
Coordinator |
| 10:45 | Break |
| 11:00 | Certification and Standards Update – Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Higher
Education Consultant |
| 11:15 | Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Update – Dr. Steven Stegink,
Higher Education Consultant |
| 11:30 | Professional Practices – Mrs. Stephanie Whiteside, Staff Specialist,
Professional Standards and Practices |
| 12:00-12:15 | Closing Questions/Comments |