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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports (DESSS)

SUBJECT: NASDTEC Clearinghouse Now Available to Local School Districts

The National Association of State Director of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) maintains the NASDTEC Educator Identification Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The Clearinghouse is a database that monitors and tracks adverse actions taken against an educator's certificate. Much of this action is not prosecuted as a criminal offense and will not show up in a traditional criminal background check.

Previously, the Clearinghouse was available only to educator certification and licensure agencies. Now, NASDTEC is making the Clearinghouse available to local school districts (both public and private). By including the Clearinghouse in its screening of certified and non-certified applicants, a school district can make more fully informed hiring decisions. The Michigan Department of Education strongly encourages districts to take advantage of this beneficial opportunity.

More information about the NASDTEC Clearinghouse can be found at their [website](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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