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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 14, 2020

**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 (DESS)

**SUBJECT:** Teacher Certification Renewal and Progression Without Educator Evaluation  
in Response to COVID-19 – MEMO #COVID-19-076

Executive Order [2020-142](#) Section 6a, which superseded Executive Order [2020-65](#) Section VIII(9), permits the renewal of an individual's teaching certificate regardless of whether the individual has received an annual year-end evaluation for the 2019-20 school year.

Educators who did not receive an evaluation will be sent guidance using the email address in their [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#) account. A copy of that communication can be found here: [www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2019-2020\\_Educator\\_Evaluation\\_696350\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2019-2020_Educator_Evaluation_696350_7.pdf). Please direct educators to this information as appropriate.

Executive Order 2020-142 does not waive future requirements for certificate renewal.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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