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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Public Comment on the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Teachers in Professional Knowledge and Skills, English Language Arts, and Mathematics in Middle Grades (5-9) and High School (7-12)

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Educator Excellence is requesting public comment on the proposed Standards for the Preparation of Teachers in Professional Knowledge and Skills, English Language Arts, and Mathematics in Middle Grades (5-9) and High School (7-12) to guide preparation of candidates seeking certification and/or endorsement in these fields. These three sets of standards were developed to support the Michigan Department of Education's goal to "develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce" and the Michigan Department of Education's strategic priorities in literacy and whole child.

The proposed Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers in Professional Knowledge and Skills, English Language Arts, and Mathematics in Middle Grades (5-9) and High School (7-12) can be viewed at: [Proposed Standards](#).

As a reminder, standards are a small component of our overall staffing system comprised of preparation, certification/licensure, placement, and flexibilities:

- Preparation – the standards and clinical experiences that comprise an educator's program of study.
- Certification/Licensure – the document that demonstrates an educator has met the legal requirements to be an educator and identifies the content areas/grade range in which they have been prepared.

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- Placement – state guidelines that indicate how an educator may be assigned under a valid certificate/license; *a proposal to expand placement beyond what is written on the certificate/license is in development.*
- Flexibilities – allow educators (certified or uncertified) additional assignment opportunities under a valid permit, authorization, or approval.

All feedback on the proposed standards must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., April 5, 2020, online at: [Feedback](#). Comments will be reviewed and considered in the final recommendation to the State Board of Education. For additional information, please contact Dan Membiela at [MembielaD@michigan.gov](mailto:MembielaD@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance