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

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) for 2009-2010

We need your help! Please help us identify and recognize Michigan's excellent teachers and the contributions they make to the success of the learning community.

The Michigan Department of Education website provides a nomination form that makes it easy for you, school parents, students, and other Michigan citizens to tell a great teacher that her/his efforts are recognized and appreciated.

To access the form:

- Go to www.michigan.gov/mtoy on the Internet
- Complete the Teacher of the Year Nomination Form and submit.

The deadline for online nominations is November 3, 2008.

Each nominated teacher will receive a letter of recognition from the State Board of Education and me, along with an invitation to apply for the position of 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year. If selected for that honor, the teacher will be the spokesperson for all Michigan teachers, will participate in monthly State Board of Education meetings, and will travel to three national events involving Teachers of the Year from across the country. The teacher will remain as a full-time employee of the district. We are grateful to MEEMIC Insurance Company (www.meemic.com) for the corporate support it provides for this program. See the attached MEEMIC fact sheet.

You may access the MDE website for additional information about the Teacher of the Year.

I encourage you to post this information on your website, in your faculty lounges, and in parent newsletters. Questions regarding the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program may be addressed to Ms. Jean M. Shane, shanej@michigan.gov or 517.241.2375.

Thank you for your assistance with these efforts to recognize excellent teachers.

Attachment

cc: AFT Michigan, MEMSPA, MASSP, MASA, MAPSA, MEA, MANS, MASB

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