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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Administrators; Deans and Directors of Teacher Preparation Institutions

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: "90-Day Letter" and the New Educator Certification Database

This is to remind you that the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) is replacing the License 2000 (L2K) educator certification database with the new Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). In order to pilot the MOECS, the L2K database will be retired on December 1, 2010.

The timeline for the pilot of MOECS is from February 8, 2011 to April 11, 2011. Effective December 1, 2010, Michigan Teacher Preparation Institutions (TPIs) will not be able to submit rosters of candidates who have completed their preparation programs. As is standard practice, however, TPIs are authorized to issue "90-Day Letters" that verify the type of certificate and endorsement for which the candidate will be recommended.

These letters will remain valid until full implementation of MOECS. Please honor these letters in accordance with Michigan Revised School Code 380.1535:

Sec. 1535. For purposes of endorsement or recertification, a teacher shall be considered certificated and the holder of a valid teacher's certificate on the completion date of the requirements of a teacher education college, as defined by the college catalog of courses, until such time as the certification is confirmed or rejected by the state board of education.

When MOECS is available in February 2011, candidates will be able to apply for their teaching certificates. Please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/moeCS> for continued updates and more information on applying for certificates and certificate renewals through MOECS. Your cooperation and understanding as we make the transition to MOECS is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Flora L. Jenkins at 517/373-6505 or email jenkinsf@mi.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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