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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: 2011 Michigan Schools of Character Awards

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to announce the availability of the 2011 Schools of Character guidelines. If your school or district has an outstanding character education initiative, or if you are ready to serve as a model and leader for other educators, your school may be considered for a State Schools of Character Award.

If your school is selected as a Michigan School of Character (MSOC), it is a preliminary step toward the Character Education Partnership's National Schools of Character (NSOC) awards program. Winners of this national competition receive up to \$10,000. Apply today to be recognized as a State, and possibly National, School or District of Character. Go to www.michigan.gov/cshsp under "What's new" or go to www.character.org/applicationprocess for more information and to download the MSOC guidelines.

For more information, please contact Pat Tibbetts, MSOC Coordinator, at pattibbetts@gmail.com. The application deadline is December 1, 2010.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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