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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 24, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Certification Guidance Provided to Traditional Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions to Assist Teacher and School Counselor Candidates During the COVID-19 Crisis

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has issued guidance to the state's traditional educator preparation institutions to implement Sections VIII(A) and VIII (C) of Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-35](#). Section VIII(A) authorizes the Michigan Department of Education to issue temporary one-year teaching certificates and school counselor licenses to Michigan candidates seeking certification who have been unable to take the Michigan Tests for Teacher Certification due to test center closure. Section VIII(C) temporarily waives the requirements for CPR/First Aid for initial certification.

This guidance can be found here:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Temp\\_Cert\\_Guidance\\_688337\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Temp_Cert_Guidance_688337_7.pdf)

If you have questions, please contact Leah Breen at [BreenL1@Michigan.gov](mailto:BreenL1@Michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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