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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 5, 2021

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

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Nominations Open for 2021-22 Education Support Staff
Professional of the Year Award

Every school community has numerous dedicated professionals who spend their day in support of educators and students. The Education Support Staff Professional of the Year program exists to honor these outstanding staff persons, and nominations for the 2021 award are now open.

Those working in educational support staff roles such as transportation workers, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, skilled trades staff, maintenance, secretarial and administrative assistants, security guards, and paraprofessionals are eligible to be considered for the award.

State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice has said that education support staff greatly contribute to the success of our students and schools—ensuring students arrive at school safely; that they are fed; that their schools are clean; and that they have assistance in classrooms.

Nominations can be made using the [online nomination form](#) between now and Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5 p.m. eastern standard time (EST). Reviewers will evaluate each recommendation, with the awardee being announced in October 2021. For more information about the Education Support Staff Professional of the Year program, visit the [program website](#). For any questions, please contact Jennifer Robel at RobelJ@Michigan.gov or 517-241-7054.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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