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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Status of Substitutes and Educators During Shutdown of Educator Certification Database

As you are aware 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). The L2K database was retired on December 1, 2010.

We are asking for your cooperation and flexibility during the shutdown to allow educators and substitute teachers who cannot receive licenses or verify payments for licenses and permits to remain in the classroom. We ask that you instruct individuals who received remittance statements prior to the shutdown to pay the fee as we are able to continue to receive payments, but will not be able to verify them in MOECS until February 2011. An educator who recently completed his/her teacher preparation program will receive a "90-Day Letter" that verifies the type of certificate and endorsements for which he/she will be recommended. **These letters will remain valid until full implementation of MOECS.**

When MOECS is available in February 2011, verification of the fee payments received during the shutdown will be available on the Teacher Certification Verification site at www.mi.gov/mde as it has been in the past. 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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