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MEMORANDUM

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

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Supports

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Hearing of Proposed Administrative Rules

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Educator Talent (OET) and Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will conduct public hearings to receive public comment on the following proposed administrative rules:

- Teacher and School Administrator Evaluation Tools (2016-031 ED)
- School Administrator Certification Code (2016-032 ED)
- School Psychologist Certification Code (2016-033 ED)
- School Administrator Continuing Education (2016-034 ED)
- Teacher Certification Code (2016-035 ED)
- Certification and Licensure of School Counselors (2016-036 ED)

The rules governing teacher and school administrator evaluation tools are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1249 and 1249b of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1249 and 380.1249b, and Executive Reorganization Order 1996-6 MCL 388.993. These proposed rules will establish standards and procedures for adding teacher and school administrator evaluation tools to the list of such tools established by the MDE, and will describe the process for school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies to submit evaluation tools for review for placement on the list.

The rules governing school administrator certification, including continuing education, are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1246 and 1536 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1246 and 380.1536, and Executive Reorganization Order No. 1996-6, MCL 388.993

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The rules will update requirements for preparation programs; update and clarify certification requirements, which include providing for two types of certification—one for statutorily “grandfathered” administrators and one for those required to be certified under section 1536 of the Revised School Code; update and consolidate continuing education requirements; add requirements for substitute permits; and align the rules with current practice and statutory requirements related to the denial, suspension, and revocation of credentials.

The rules governing school psychologist certification are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by section 1251 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1251, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and 388.994. The rules will clarify requirements for certification; update renewal requirements; rescind unnecessary rules; and add rules related to the denial, suspension, and revocation of certification.

The rules governing teacher certification are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1531, 1531i, 1531k, 1535a, and 1539b of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1531, 380.1531i, 380.1531k, 380.1535a, and 380.1539b, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and 388.994. The rules will update definitions, terminology, and requirements for and validity periods of teaching certificates; align rules with statutes; modify and clarify teacher preparation program requirements; expand provisions related to out-of-state applicants; provide more flexibility for the employment of substitute and CTE teachers; and consolidate CTE rules.

The rules governing school counselor certification and licensure are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1233 and 1531 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1233 and 380.1531. The proposed rules will update terminology and renewal requirements; reorganize rules to clarify requirements for endorsement, licensure, and authorizations; clarify expiration dates; and add rules related to school counselor education program approval and to the denial, suspension, and revocation of credentials.

The proposed rules are accessible online at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_44099---,00.html and in the October 15, 2016 Michigan Register. The rules will take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

Public hearings will be held on:

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Lake Superior State University
Lake Superior Room – 2nd Floor
650 W. Easterday Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Friday, November 4, 2016
3:00 pm - 5:00 p.m.
Lansing Center
Room 201 – 2nd Floor
333 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Thursday, November 3, 2016

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton
Grand Rapids Airport
Salon C&D Ballrooms
4747 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Monday, November 7, 2016

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wayne RESA
Annex - Auditorium
33500 Van Born Road
Wayne, MI 48184

Oral or written comments about any of the proposed rules may be presented in person at the hearings, online at www.michigan.gov/mde-publiccomment under “Educator Evaluation Tools and Certification” and “Public Comment Survey Tool” or by mail as follows:

Mail comments about 2016-031 ED
to:

Public Comment
Office of Educator Talent
Michigan Department of Education
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Mail comments about all other rules to:

Public Comment
Office of Professional Preparation Services
Michigan Department of Education
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909

Comments about 2016-031 ED (Teacher and School Administrator Evaluation Tools) may also be submitted by e-mail at MDE-OET-PublicComment@michigan.gov.

All comments must be received by the Michigan Department of Education no later than **Monday, November 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.** All comments will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the rules.

The hearing sites are accessible but, if special accommodations are needed to participate in the hearings, please contact Yolanda Stephens at 517-241-8966 or stephensy@michigan.gov before October 25, 2016.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance