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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

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

SUBJECT: Innovative Educator Corps Application Opens April 1

The second round of the Innovative Educator Corp (IEC) selection will begin April 1, 2019, with the deadline for applications set for Sunday, May 3, 2019, at 11:59 p.m.

The IEC is a recognition program for Michigan teachers who employ an innovative educational program, methodology, or strategy to help prepare their students for future career success. **The IEC is a competitive application resulting in a \$5,000 stipend, paid annually for up to three total years, along with an additional \$5,000 stipend, also renewable for up to three total years, which will cover expenses related to the IEC member replicating, disseminating, or expanding the innovative program.**

Now in its second year, the IEC was authorized under the Marshall Plan for Talent ([PA 227 of 2018](#)) and reflects Goals #2 and #6 of the MDE's Top 10 in 10 initiative, as it seeks to recognize the high-quality instruction educators have implemented to better serve their students, while also creating partnerships within the community to help prepare those students for future career success.

A Local Education Agency (LEA) may nominate one teacher to apply to the IEC. The teacher can be a previous applicant that was not selected in the last round, or a new teacher. Those already accepted in the IEC need not re-apply.

Application materials may be submitted beginning April 1 by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/IEC-Spring19>. Applicants will receive a status update on June 3, 2019.

For more information about the IEC, including a recommendation template, applicant checklist, award timeline and scoring criteria, please visit the IEC [program website](#) or contact Luke Wittum at Genesee ISD, lwittum@geneseeisd.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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