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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Administrators, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: 2015-16 Teacher Shortage Areas for Loan Forgiveness

On November 26, 2014, the Michigan Department Education provided the U.S. Department of Education (USED) with a list of shortage areas in Michigan. This list was developed according to regulations for: the targeted deferment for borrowers under the Family Federal Education Loan Program (FFEL); the Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) programs (34 CFR 682.210(q)); the Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR 674.53(c)); and the teaching obligation fulfillment for recipients under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (34 CFR 686).

**This list is not a critical shortage list for the purpose of retiree employment.**

Please share this information with staff who may qualify for loan forgiveness or deferment.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Michigan Department of Treasury  
Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators  
Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs

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## **Educator Shortage Areas for Federal Loan Forgiveness 2015-2016**

The Michigan Department of Education has identified the following areas as critical shortage disciplines for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Early Childhood Education (Pre-Kindergarten Programs)
- Special Education – All Categories
- World Languages – Including Bilingual, English as a Second Language, American Sign Language, and Native American Languages
- Occupational – Therapeutic Services
- Occupational – Cosmetology
- Occupational – Hospitality
- Occupational – Construction Trade
- Occupational – Public Safety/Protective Services
- Occupational – Automobile Technician (NATEF Certified)
- Occupational – Welding, Brazing, and Soldering
- Occupational – Graphics and Printing Technology and Communications
- Occupational – Agriculture, Agriculture Operations and Related Science
- Occupational – Collision Repair Technician (NATEF Certified)Technology

This list is used for deferment or repayment under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) programs, Federal Perkins Loan Program, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

Borrowers and grant recipients who have questions concerning their loans or grants, including teacher shortage area deferment, should use the general contact information provided below:

### **SLS Borrowers**

Contact the Michigan Finance Authority - Student Loan Programs at 888-643-7521, the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID, or <http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>.

### **Federal Perkins Loan Program Borrowers & FFEL borrowers**

Contact the Michigan Guaranty Agency at 800-MGA-LOAN (800-642-5626) or <http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>.

### **TEACH Grant Program Recipients**

Contact FedLoan Servicing at 800-699-2908 or <http://www.myfedloan.org>.

Additional information may be available at:

- Teacher Forgiveness and Cancellation Programs  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/teacher>
- USED Teacher Shortage Area Publication  
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>
- USED Federal Student Aid Portal  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>