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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 17, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** The Michigan Department of Education is Accepting Nominations for  
2021-22 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Nominations for 2021-22 Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY), an annual program that recognizes outstanding teachers in our state, are now open. Each year, 10 regional teachers of the year are selected, with one of those named Michigan Teacher of the Year. Nominations may be made online using the [online form](#) until Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

The MTOY program is about more than just finding “the best” teacher, said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice.

“Teachers are constantly finding new ways to assist their students and help their students achieve their dreams,” said Dr. Rice. “We are excited by the many tremendous things that our teachers are doing around the state, particularly in this challenging time. The Michigan Teacher of the Year and regional teachers of the year are important advocates and allies for teachers and students in Michigan.”

To learn more about the MTOY program and Michigan Department of Education’s other educator recognition efforts, visit: [MDE Educator Recognition Efforts](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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