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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: Clearinghouse Now Open to LEAs

In the September issue of its newsletter, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) noted that its multi-state database of educators, called the Clearinghouse, can now accept users from individual Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

As stated on the [NASDTEC Web site](#), "The Clearinghouse is a searchable database that provides information regarding individuals who have had their professional educator certificates/licenses annulled, denied, suspended, revoked, or otherwise invalidated."

"The Clearinghouse uses a secure portal to organize the data into an online look-up web page, as well as monthly reports provided through a secure FTP download protocol. The Clearinghouse permits members to use the look-up page during background checks on new applicants and the monthly download to cross check against their current lists of employees."

The MDE supports the use of the Clearinghouse by individual LEAs in the state as an additional measure toward ensuring the safety of Michigan's students. While the MDE will continue assist individual schools and districts with inquiries related to educator certification and professional practices, the ability of individual LEAs to review individual names in the Clearinghouse provides another tool for individual LEAs to ensure they have fully researched the backgrounds of potential hires. For more information on signing up for access to the Clearinghouse, access the NASDTEC Web site at <http://www.nasdtec.net>.

If you have any questions about professional practices and standards of ethical conduct for educators, please contact Stephanie Whiteside at WhitesideS@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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