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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

RE: New Teacher Certification System

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) has been working with a private vendor to replace the License 2000 (L2K) educator certification database with the new Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). In the process of developing and designing the new system OPPS has been informed that errors in social security numbers in the L2K system have occurred. The majority of the errors are due to human mistakes made when entering data.

In order to assure that the data you submit is correct, the OPPS is asking that you carefully check all input data, especially social security numbers, when applying for permits and/or annual authorizations. Often the social security numbers are transposed by one or two numbers, which results in the individual having two different records in the L2K database. Since only one record can be transferred to the MOECS, OPPS staff is working to reconcile which social security number is correct. This very time consuming activity must be completed in order to assure the integrity of the data and the timely transition to MOECS.

The timeline for the pilot of MOECS is from February 8, 2011 to April 11, 2011. Several local districts, Public School Academies (PSAs), and/or Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) will be contacted to participate in the pilot. In order to pilot MOECS, the L2K database will be retired on December 1, 2010. All permits and annual authorization applications for fall 2010 must be completed by December 1, 2010. The MOECS will go live for all users on April 12, 2011. All local districts, PSAs, and ISDs will receive extensive training on how to use the new MOECS beginning in December 2010. The OPPS will send out reminders and more information on the MOECS pilot and training in August 2010. Your cooperation and understanding as we make the transition to MOECS is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Krista Ried at 517-373-6791 or email riedk@mi.gov.

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