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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 12, 2015

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

**FROM:** Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Accountability Services

**SUBJECT:** Office of Professional Preparation Services Winter Conference

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Office of Professional Preparation Services' (OPPS') [Winter Conference](http://www.gomiem.org/event/office-professional-preparation-services-winter-conference) (<http://www.gomiem.org/event/office-professional-preparation-services-winter-conference>). This year's conference theme is *Students are at the Heart - Shifting Systems from Compliance to Excellence*.

K-12 instructional and administrative staff, faculty from Michigan's educator preparation institutions, representatives from the MDE, and representatives from Michigan's education associations and organizations will convene at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center on Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, 2015. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) are available.

Feature presentations include:

- A Discussion Panel of Past Michigan Teachers of the Year Answering Your Questions
- Quality Professional Learning for Teachers
- Mentoring and Induction
- School Culture and Climate
- Attracting Quality Substitute Teachers
- How to be an Effective School Leader
- Becoming a Teacher Leader
- Updates from the State Superintendent's Office
- Learning to Advocate for the Profession at the Local and State Level
- Certification 101
- School Safety
- Hiring and Placement of Highly Qualified Teachers

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