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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals
Non-Public School Administrators

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

SUBJECT: Seeking Public Shout-Outs to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week/Month

May is Teacher Appreciation Month, with the week of May 6-10 specifically designated as national Teacher Appreciation Week. This year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is inviting students and community members to help highlight our state's incredible teachers through a public shout-out – a digital submission to recognize and thank a specific teacher for his/her impact.

Shout-outs can be submitted at: [surveymonkey.com/r/MIteachAppreesh](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIteachAppreesh). Then, be sure to follow the MDE's Office of Educator Excellence (@MIeducator) and be on the lookout for shout-outs to be posted on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram throughout the month of May using #MIteachAppreesh.

Anyone can join in the Teacher Appreciation Month celebration! Please consider sharing this information with your students, stakeholders, and community members, and also post to social media how you are acknowledging the outstanding teachers in your school, district, and/or ISD using #MIteachAppreesh.

Recognizing Michigan's educators – including celebrating the work of classroom teachers during the month of May – is an important piece of the MDE's Top 10 in 10 strategic initiative, which, in part, aims to develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce.

For more information about Teacher Appreciation Month, including a direct link to submit a public shout-out, visit: bit.ly/MDE_Recognition. Additional questions may be directed to Chelsey Martinez at MartinezC7@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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