

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 10, 2018

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent

Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports (DESSS)

**SUBJECT:** Teacher Appreciation Week

Please share this message with your teachers:

We, at the Michigan Department of Education, along with the State Board of Education, would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to you for your outstanding contributions to your students, district, and profession.

Our students are fortunate to be under the tutelage of instructors who are both knowledgeable and experienced in specific content areas, as well as compassionate, positive, and inspirational role models, and who demonstrate a clear dedication to delivering innovative, engaging, high-quality instruction that meets the diverse needs of all students. Showcasing a tireless enthusiasm and commitment to the profession, you build relationships in the classroom, school, and community, and ensure that parents/guardians are engaged and supported partners in their child's education.

Michigan Teachers enrich countless young lives by motivating students to embrace challenges and grasp difficult concepts. Continuing to inspire your students to be lifelong learners and opening their minds to the endless possibilities which one can achieve.

In accordance with Goal #3 of the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goals, the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that you may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

We extend to you our heartfelt gratitude to the endless time and energy you dedicate to your craft. We praise your outstanding contributions to bringing out the best in your students. Together, we can make Michigan a Top 10 Education State. Best wishes for continued success in and out of the classroom.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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