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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2019

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

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

SUBJECT: International Teacher Exchange Program

This school year, the Office of Educator Excellence (OEE) is adding teachers of the Italian language to a growing list of teacher exchange programs offered through the Michigan Department of Education.

During the 2018-2019 school year, 15 individuals were employed as teachers of Mandarin Chinese and Spanish teacher exchange program. The exchange program now includes partnership with Taiwan, Spain, and Italy.

In accordance with the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan, Goal 3: This partnership seeks to benefit students and teachers alike, through collaboration, communication, and cooperation. With Michigan's focus on world language graduation requirements, internationalizing education, and the global economy, this program supports the need for more world language teachers.

More information on the teacher exchange program can be found here:
www.michigan.gov/teacherexchange.

Michigan school districts that are interested in hiring teachers from one of the partner countries, or Michigan teachers interested in teaching in a partner country, should contact the Office of Educator Excellence at 517-241-5000 or via email at MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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