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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2020

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: 2021-22 Teacher Shortage Areas for Loan Forgiveness

On December 11, 2020, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) provided the U.S. Department of Education (USED) with a [list of educator shortage areas](#) in Michigan. This list was developed according to federal regulations and supports new teachers and teachers with student loans in obtaining targeted loan forgiveness or deferment. These programs or loans include:

- [Family Federal Education Loan Program](#) (FFEL)
- [Federal Supplemental Loans for Students \(SLS\) programs](#) (34 CFR 682.210(q))
- [Federal Perkins Loan Program](#) (34 CFR 674.53(c))
- [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education \(TEACH\) Grant Program](#) (34 CFR 686).

The 2021-22 Teacher Shortage List for Loan Forgiveness can be found on the MDE [Permits and Placement webpage](#).

This list is **not** Michigan's critical shortage list for the purpose of retiree employment under [Michigan Compiled Laws \(MCL\) 38.1361](#).

Please share this information with staff who may qualify for loan forgiveness or deferment. Questions regarding loan forgiveness or deferment should be directed to the Federal Student Aid website (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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