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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Local and Intermediate School Districts, Public School Academies  
and Nonpublic Schools

FROM: Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D., Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services

DATE: April 17, 2007

SUBJECT: 2006-2007 Teacher Shortage Areas for Federal Loan Deferment  
and Employment of Retirants (Revised)

Attached for your information and reference is the most recent list of teacher shortage areas identified by the Michigan Department of Education, which will be submitted for approval to the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for 2006-2007. These shortage areas are identified to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Federal Stafford and Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) programs, for the reduction of teaching obligation under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship and Federal Perkins Loan Programs, and for the employment of retired teachers as authorized by PA 30 (2001).

Please share this information with staff who may qualify for loan deferment or the reduction of a teaching obligation.

Federal Stafford/SLS borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including teacher shortage area deferment, may contact the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID. Douglas Scholars may contact the Office of Scholarships and Grants at the Michigan Department of Treasury at 1-888-447-2687.

In addition to the critical shortage disciplines approved by the USDOE, school guidance counselors have been added to the list. However, the school guidance counselor is not eligible for the educational loan or scholarship programs, and only applies to the employment of retirants.

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Critical Teacher Shortage Areas \*  
2006-2007**

In response to PA 30 (2001), Section 61, the Michigan Department of Education has identified the following areas as critical shortage disciplines for the 2006-2007 school year. It is noted that this list includes the addition of principals, assistant principals, superintendents, and school guidance counselors as "critical shortage disciplines," as addressed in Section 61(5). These four types of educational personnel do not relate to educational loan or scholarship programs, and **only apply to the employment of retirants.**

**Principal**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Superintendent**  
**School Guidance Counselor**  
**Director of Special Education**  
**Supervisor of Special Education**  
**School Psychologist**  
**Occupational Therapist**  
**Physical Therapist**  
**Orientation and Mobility Specialist**  
**Speech and Language Therapist**

Agricultural Mechanics  
Agriculture  
Air Transportation  
Aircraft Mechanics  
Allied Health Technology  
Art Education  
Autism  
Automobile Technician  
Bilingual Arabic  
Bilingual Spanish  
Biology  
Building Maintenance  
Business Administration Management  
Business Education  
Chemistry  
Child and Custodial Care  
Cognitive Impairment  
Collision Repair Technician  
Communication Arts  
Computer Science

Construction Trades  
Cosmetology  
Custodial, Housekeeping, Home Services  
Dance  
Distributive Education  
Drafting and Design Technology  
Earth/Space Science  
Economics  
Education Technology  
Electrical and Electronics Repair  
Electrical Occupations  
Electro-Mechanical Technology  
Emotional Impairment  
English  
English as a Second Language  
Family and Consumer Science  
French  
German  
Graphics Communication  
Health Education  
Health, Phys. Ed., and Recreation  
Health Science  
Hearing Impairment  
Heating and Air Conditioning  
Home Furnishing Equipment  
Humanities  
Industrial Equipment Repair  
Industrial Production Technology  
Industrial Technology  
Information Technology  
Japanese Language  
Journalism  
Language Arts  
Learning Disabilities  
Library Media

Machine Tool/Machine Shop  
Marine Maintenance  
Marketing Sales and Service  
Mathematics  
Medium/Heavy Truck  
Music Education  
Natural Resources and Conservation  
Personal and Culinary Services  
Physical Education  
Physical or Other Health  
Impairment  
Physics  
Political Science  
Precision Production Trades  
Psychology  
Public Safety/Protective Services  
Radio and TV Broadcasting  
Reading Specialist  
Resource Room  
Russian  
Science  
Small Engine Repair

Social Studies  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Speech  
Speech and Language Impairment  
Technology and Design  
Visual Impairment  
Visual and Performing Arts  
Visual Communication Technology  
Welding  
Woodworking

Public school employees who have been retired for at least 12 months may be exempt from the earnings limitation if they are working in an approved critical shortage position or for a school that has an approved emergency situation.

Information regarding the earning limitations for retirants is available at the Office of Retirement Services website:

[http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools/0,1607,7-206-36502\\_36516--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools/0,1607,7-206-36502_36516--,00.html)

Attached, for your convenience, is a copy of the information from the website.

Please share this information with appropriate Human Resource administrators.

\* Pending approval of the United States Department of Education