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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2022

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

FROM: Delsa Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Nominations Open for 2022-23 Education Support Staff Professional of the Year Award

Each school community has numerous dedicated professionals who spend their day in support of educators and students. The Education Support Staff Professional of the Year program exists to honor these outstanding staff persons, and nominations for the 2022-23 award are now open.

Anyone working in educational support staff roles, including but not limited to transportation workers, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, skilled trades staff, maintenance, secretarial and administrative assistants, security guards, and paraprofessionals, are eligible to be considered for the award.

Nominations can be made using the [online nomination form](#) between now and Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time (EST). The Michigan Department of Education is seeking local school district support in sharing the nomination form so that school and community members can nominate outstanding staff professionals.

Reviewers will evaluate each recommendation received. The awardee will be announced in October 2022. For more information about the Education Support Staff Professional of the Year program, please visit the [program website](#). For any questions, please contact Jennifer Robel at RobelJ@Michigan.gov or 517-241-7054.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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