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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) for 2013-2014

We need your help! Please help us identify and recognize Michigan's excellent teachers and the contributions they make to the success of the learning community.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) provides the nomination form that makes it easy for you, school parents, students, and other Michigan citizens to tell a great teacher that her/his efforts are recognized and appreciated. The Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) Nomination Form is located at: www.michigan.gov/mtoy. Just complete and submit.

The deadline for online nominations is November 2, 2012.

Each nominated teacher will receive a letter of recognition from the State Board of Education, along with an invitation to apply for the position of 2013-2014 MTOY. If selected for that honor, the MTOY will be the spokesperson for Michigan teachers, will participate in monthly State Board of Education meetings, and will have the opportunity to participate in up to three national events involving Teachers of the Year from across the country. The MTOY will remain as a full-time employee of the district.

The MDE is grateful for the corporate support that the Michigan Education Employees Mutual Insurance Company (MEEMIC) has provided for this program.

I encourage you to post this information on your website, in your faculty lounges, and in parent newsletters.

Thank you for your assistance with these efforts to recognize excellent teachers. For timely responses to your questions, please email MTOY@michigan.gov. You can also call (517) 373-8480 or contact Ann-Marie Smith at SmithA24@michigan.gov or Bruce Umpstead at UmpsteadB@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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