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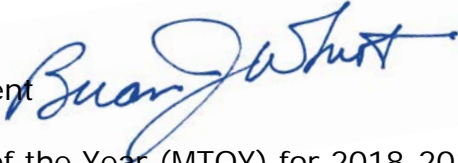
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2017

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

FROM: Brian J. Whiston
State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) for 2018-2019

We need your help to identify the next Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY). The MTOY program, sponsored by the Meemic Foundation, recognizes outstanding educational leaders across our state for their work to elevate the teaching profession.

Between now and Friday, October 20 at 11:59 p.m., [our online nomination form](#) will be open for you to nominate a teacher or teachers whom you feel are exceptional educational leaders and have made substantial contributions to their profession. Just complete and submit. I would also like to encourage you to post this information on your website, in your faculty lounges, and in parent newsletters.

Each nominated teacher will receive an email inviting them to complete Part A of the MTOY application process. Each completed Part A application will be reviewed by a group of educational stakeholders from [each of these 10 regions](#) and select regional semifinalists. Those semifinalists will then complete Part B of the MTOY application. The scores assigned to applicants' respective Part B submissions will determine the regional Teacher of the Year. Each regional MTOY will then be interviewed by a panel of state-wide educational leaders to determine the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

If selected for that honor, the MTOY will be the spokesperson for all Michigan teachers. This includes participating in monthly State Board of Education meetings and traveling to state and national events involving other Teachers of the Year. The MTOY will remain as a full-time employee of the district.

Thank you for your assistance with these efforts to recognize excellent teachers. For timely responses to your questions, please email mtoy@michigan.gov. You may also contact Josh Roesner at roesnerj1@michigan.gov by phone at 517-335-5236.

Cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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