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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2017

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Michigan Talent Pool now accepting recommendations

The Office of Educator Talent is seeking recommendations for outstanding elementary and secondary teachers, principals, and specialists for the Michigan Talent Pool. We are looking for educators who have shown:

- Exceptional professional achievement as evidenced by effective instructional practice, leadership, and student learning results in the classroom and school;
- Exemplary accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession; and
- An engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community.

The Michigan Talent Pool is a group of educators nominated by their supervisors, peers, and community stakeholders that the Michigan Department of Education draws upon when opportunities for engagement and recognition become available.

To submit a Michigan Talent Pool recommendation, please complete the [Talent Pool recommendation form](#) and include a one-page letter of recommendation explaining how the nominee meets the above criteria.

For questions and additional information regarding the Michigan Talent Pool, please email Josh Roesner at roesnerj1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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