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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 16, 2021

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Education Accepting Nominations for 2022-23  
Michigan Teacher of the Year

Teacher recognition is an important component of teacher retention, and studies show that increased retention results in higher student achievement. The Michigan Department of Education is opening the nomination process for 2022-23 Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY), an annual program that recognizes outstanding teachers in our state. Each year, 10 Regional Teachers of the Year (RTOYs) are selected through a competitive application process, with one of the RTOYs named Michigan Teacher of the Year. Please make nominations using the [online form](#), which is available until Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

The purpose of the MTOY program is to recognize outstanding teachers from across Michigan. Those teachers will have an opportunity to learn more about educational initiatives and policies at the state level and provide input on how to better serve Michigan's teachers and students.

All eligible nominees are invited to apply. To be eligible, a nominee must have a valid Michigan teaching certificate and at least five years of educational experience in Michigan, and must be in good standing with their school or district.

To learn more about the MTOY program and the Michigan Department of Education's other educator recognition programs, please visit the [program webpage](#). Please contact Josh Roesner at [RoesnerJ1@Michigan.gov](mailto:RoesnerJ1@Michigan.gov) with questions regarding the program or nomination process.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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