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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: Seeking Nominations for 2022 Presidential Awards in Math and Science

Recognizing outstanding educators for raising student achievement helps educators see the value of their work and contributions to student success. Nominations of exceptional math and science educators who work primarily with students in grades K-6 are being accepted for the 2022 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Educators who primarily teach mathematics, science, or other science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)-related courses to students in grades K-6 are eligible to be nominated or apply for the PAEMST awards this cycle. To nominate someone or to begin an application, please visit the program website www.paemst.org. The deadline for nominations is January 7, 2022, and the deadline for applications is February 6, 2022.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1983, more than 4,800 math and science teachers have been honored as presidential awardees. Awardees receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and a paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend recognition events and professional development sessions, among other benefits.

Each state annually selects up to three finalists in the disciplines of mathematics and science, with an annual alteration between teachers in grades K-6 and those in grades 7-12. The 2022 state finalists for Michigan will be selected in spring 2022 by a state selection committee comprised of mathematics and science content experts.

For more information about the awards, including eligibility requirements, please visit [the PAEMST website](#) or email Michigan program coordinator Josh Roesner at RoesnerJ1@Michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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