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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 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:** 2022-23 Teacher Shortage Areas for Loan Forgiveness

All students should have access to the requisite number of high-quality teachers, the seventh goal of Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan. In continued support of this goal, on December 10, 2021, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) provided the U.S. Department of Education (USED) with a [list of shortage areas](#) in Michigan. This list was developed according to federal regulations and it supports new teachers and teachers with student loans in obtaining targeted loan forgiveness or deferment.

The teacher loan forgiveness process is described and explained here:  
<https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>.

These programs or loans would include:

- [Family Federal Education Loan Program](#) (FFEL)
- [Federal Supplemental Loans for Students \(SLS\) programs](#) (34 CFR 682.210(q))
- [Federal Perkins Loan Program](#) (34 CFR 674.53(c))
- [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education \(TEACH\) Grant Program](#) (34 CFR 686).

The 2022-23 teacher shortage list for loan forgiveness is located on the MDE [Permits and Placement webpage](#). This list is **not** Michigan's critical shortage list for the purpose of *retiree* employment under [MCL 38.1361](#). Relevant additional information regarding federal student loans can be found here: [Expansion of COVID-19 Emergency Flexibilities](#).

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Please share this information with staff who may qualify for loan forgiveness or deferment. Questions regarding loan forgiveness or deferment should be directed to Federal Student Aid (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors