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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2018

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

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Do you know or are you an exemplary math or science teacher in **Kindergarten through sixth grade**? It's time for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Awards. The PAEMST is the highest recognition a K-12 teacher can receive for outstanding science or mathematics teaching in the United States.

Recipients of the award receive:

- A certificate signed by the President of the United States
- A paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation

In addition to recognizing outstanding teaching in mathematics and science, the program provides teachers with an opportunity to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across the nation. This growing network of award-winning teachers serves as a vital resource for improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and keeping America globally competitive.

Awardees are recognized for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 4,000 outstanding teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. If you know great teachers, nominate them to join this prestigious network of professionals.

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Nominations are open online (www.paemst.org) for the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Teachers may self-nominate or be nominated by an administrator, fellow teacher, student, or other member of the public. The deadline to nominate a teacher is Sunday, April 1, 2018. Once nominated, teachers will receive an email with a login and password to access the online application. The deadline for Kindergarten to 6th grade teachers to submit their completed application is Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Secondary teachers (Grades 7-12) are eligible to apply in 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Crowder, Michigan State Coordinator, at betty_crowder@msta-mich.org

cc: Michigan Education Alliance