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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is seeking exemplary mathematics or science teachers in **seventh through twelfth grade** for nominations to the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Since 1983, the PAEMST is the highest recognition a K-12 teacher can receive for outstanding science or mathematics teaching in the United States, and more than 4,000 outstanding teachers have been recognized. Nominations are open now through March 1, 2019. The online nomination form can be found at: <https://www.paemst.org/nomination/nominate>.

In addition to honoring outstanding teaching in mathematics or science, the PAEMST program also showcases high-quality instruction necessary for Michigan to become a Top 10 in 10 state. The PAEMST 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.

Recipients of the award receive the following:

- 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.

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All teachers in both public and private schools are eligible to be nominated and apply as long as they meet the following:

- Teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the 7-12 grade level
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Are a full-time employee of the school or school district as determined by state and district policies, with responsibilities for teaching students comprising at least of 50% of the school's allotted instructional time
- Have at least five years of full-time employment as a K-12 teacher during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties prior to the 2018-2019 academic school year
- Are U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Are not a prior PAEMST award recipient in any category

Any member of your educational community may nominate a teacher, and self-nominations are also accepted. Once nominated, teachers will receive an email with a login and password to access the online application. Elementary teachers (Grades K-6) will be eligible to apply in 2020.

Please visit the [Presidential Awards website](#) to find information about the nomination and application process. For additional assistance, please contact Joshua Roesner, the Michigan state coordinator, at RoesnerJ1@michigan.gov.

Cc: Michigan Education Alliance