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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and  
Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School  
Administrators

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SUBJECT: District Provided Professional Development Update - EDUCATORS

Due to recent reinterpretation of MCL 380.1527, the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) is pleased to announce that all Michigan educators may use District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) toward the progression from the Michigan Provisional teaching certificate to the Professional Education certificate or for renewal of the following Michigan Department of Education issued certificates or licenses:

- Professional Education Certificate
- Occupational Education Certificate
- School Administrator Certificate
- School Counselor License
- School Psychologist Certificate

The assignment that the individual holds is no longer relevant to the use of DPPD for certificate progression or renewal. However, as with all DPPD, the following conditions must be met and verified for the professional development to count as DPPD:

- (a) The DPPD is appropriate to the grade level(s) and endorsement area(s) for which the educator is certified;
- (b) The school agrees to submit to all auditing and documentation requirements established by OPPS.

OPPS does not determine whether an educator's professional development may count as DPPD; the employing school district provides verification that it meets

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the criteria. For this reason, **before** an educator uses the professional development for certificate/license progression or renewal, the employing school administrator/administration must have followed the steps indicated on the **District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) Record for Certificate Renewal or Progression to a Professional Education Certificate:**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/DPPD\\_ADDENDUM\\_7\\_387885\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/DPPD_ADDENDUM_7_387885_7.doc).

Educators and districts may also find the following documents helpful:

**District Provided Professional Development Questions & Answers**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/DPPD\\_QA\\_Eblast\\_Attachment\\_2014-8-5\\_465611\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/DPPD_QA_Eblast_Attachment_2014-8-5_465611_7.pdf)

**Directions for Logging your District Provided Professional Development in the Michigan Online Educator Certification System**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Logging\\_your\\_DPPD\\_into\\_MOECS\\_Eblast\\_Attachment\\_2014-8-5\\_465612\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Logging_your_DPPD_into_MOECS_Eblast_Attachment_2014-8-5_465612_7.pdf)

Please share this communication school-wide with educators and colleagues for whom it may have impact. Questions may be directed to the OPPS technical support staff at 517-373-3310 or [MOECSSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:MOECSSupport@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance