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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 16, 2017

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

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

**SUBJECT:** Revised Administrative Rules

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS), is pleased to announce that the following newly revised Administrative Rules will be filed with the Office of the Great Seal and will become effective November 16, 2017:

- Teacher Certification Code
- School Administrator Certification Code
- School Psychologist Certification Code
- Certification and Licensure of School Counselors

The changes were designed to create consistency in terminology and processes across all certification rule sets promulgated by the MDE. The overarching goals were to comply with new laws, streamline multiple rule sets, eliminate duplication, and present a more logical regulatory scheme. Please note that the proposed amendments to these rule sets were taken out for public comment in the fall of 2016. These rule sets will be posted on the [OPPS homepage](#) once the links are made available by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Summaries of amendments within each of the rule sets with links to corresponding guidance documents can be found at:

- [Teacher Certification Code: Summary of Key Changes](#)
- [School Administrator Certification Code: Summary of Key Changes](#)
- [School Psychologist Certification Code: Summary of Key Changes](#)
- [Certification and Licensure of School Counselors: Summary of Key Changes](#)

For additional information, please contact the Office of Professional Preparation at [MOECSSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:MOECSSupport@michigan.gov) or 517-373-3310.

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