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Dear Educator,

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has approved a new [Michigan Code of Educational Ethics](#) (Code) in alignment with goal 3 of the Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan. Educators will begin to see the new Code reflected on their certificates in the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) in early August and school districts to use the Code guide to guide local ethics policies beginning during the 2019-2020 school year.

It is essential that all individuals working with students understand how professional decision-making can impact the safety and well-being of children, licensure, and the culture and mission of the school.

The Code is adapted from the Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE), which was developed by a national panel of practicing teachers and administrators and was vetted across multiple organizational partners. Michigan educators provided public comment in January 2019 and the Code was presented to the State Board of Education for discussion in May 2019.

For additional information about the Code, please contact Leah Breen at [breenl1@michigan.gov](mailto:breenl1@michigan.gov). For questions about MOECS, please contact [MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah C. Breen".

Leah C. Breen  
Director

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