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MICHIGAN DEPT. OF EDUCATION BEGINS SEARCH FOR THE 2018-19 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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LANSING – The search has begun for the 2018-19 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is asking educators, administrators, students, and parents to help it find the next Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY). The Michigan Teacher of the Year program, sponsored by the Meemic Foundation, recognizes outstanding educational leaders across Michigan for their work to elevate the teaching profession.

Michigan Teachers of the Year have been recognized since 1952. This Michigan honor is part of the preeminent state- and nationally-recognized teacher recognition program in states across the country.

“Great teachers are found in every school in our state,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “The Michigan Teacher of the Year program has honored outstanding Michigan educators for decades and is the one enduring tribute to this important profession.”

MDE’s [online nomination form](#) is open until Friday, October 20 at 11:59 p.m., for people to nominate a teacher or teachers whom they feel are exceptional educators and have made substantial contributions to their profession.

“As an organization founded by a group of Detroit-area teachers, it’s truly in our DNA to support education – every day, in every way!” said Pam Harlin, director of the Meemic Foundation. “Meemic is driven to actively give back and support inspiring recognition programs like MTOY that provides a platform for thought-provoking conversations, and action, on enriching education standards throughout this state. Through Meemic’s 10-plus years of partnership with MTOY, we have seen each Michigan Teacher of the Year provide needed focus on the current needs and future growth of Michigan teachers from the classrooms, to their local communities and regions.”

When selected for this honor, the 2018-2019 MTOY will be the spokesperson for all Michigan teachers. This includes participating in monthly State Board of Education meetings and traveling to state and national events involving Teachers of the Year from states across the country. The MTOY will remain a full-time employee of their district during their year of service.

Michigan's drive to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years has as one of its goals to: "Develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared and collaboration education workforce." The philosophy and work of the Michigan Teacher of the Year program aligns with that Goal 3 of the state's Top 10 in 10 initiative.

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