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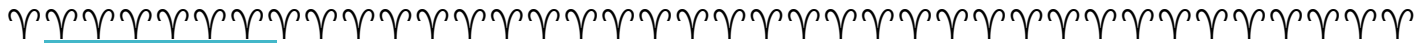
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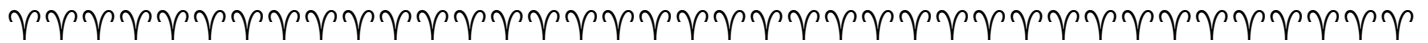
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MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Teacher Certification Alert

The Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) has notified Michigan colleges and universities that the following endorsements, as of January 1, 2009, will no longer be available to new teacher candidates not already enrolled in an education program. The endorsements targeted are as follows:

Academic Study of Religion	Anthropology
Behavioral Studies	Cultural Studies
Environmental Studies	Humanities
Philosophy	Recreation

In addition the following endorsements are under consideration for elimination:

Psychology,
Sociology
Technology and Design, or Industrial Technology

The rationale given for this action is that these endorsements should be eliminated because they are not critical to the Michigan Merit Curriculum. While the elimination of these endorsements will not have a direct impact on teachers who currently hold any of these endorsements, it will impact the ability of the district to offer programs in the future.

If you have concerns regarding this action by the OPPS contact Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director of the Office. She may be reached by email at jenkinsf@michigan.gov or by mail at:

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MESSA's WEB PROJECT

MESSA's Web project to allow MESSA members to opt-out of paper EOBs and view them online at www.messa.org is now live.

MESSA members can "go paperless" by stopping their paper Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements for medical claims as part of our "Going Green" initiative. In addition to having the potential for substantial cost savings for MESSA, we are excited about bringing this earth-friendly option to our members.

Members can currently view their medical EOBs online in the secure member area of our Web site at www.messa.org. Our "paperless EOB" option will allow members to choose to turn off paper EOBs, saving MESSA printing and postage costs. Members who choose this service will receive an email notification each time a new online EOB is posted to their secure EOB Web page. MESSA members will continue to receive paper EOBs unless they choose the paperless option.

This is an exciting new service! Members will receive further information on this over the next few weeks.

15-B WEBSITE

We have made some modifications to the 15-B website. We are trying to improve how it looks and add more information to it. We will be including Announcements, Forms, like the OPIE Reservation Form and OPIE Nomination Packets, and a Photo Gallery. Please visit our website and see what you think. If you have any other suggestions for improvement please let us know!!

UNSETTLED CONTRACTS 08-09

Cadillac EA
Evert ESP (re-opener for salary & insurance)
Evert Transportation
Manton ESP (salary only)
Manton EA (salary only)
Mesick ESP



*** MARK YOUR CALENDAR***

Nov 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Holiday-MEA Office Closed
Dec 1 Region 15 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dec 4-6 IPD Conference
Dec 15 Coordinating Council Meeting
Dec 24-Jan 2 Christmas Holiday-MEA office Closed

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