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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Deans and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs
Alternative Route Network

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SUBJECT: Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Test Fee Increase

Pursuant to [MCL 380.1531\(12\)](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) must notify each approved educator preparation provider (EPP) of any test fee increase, and EPPs must notify affected students of the timing and amount of such a fee increase. This memo serves as MDE's notification to EPPs.

Effective February 1, 2027, test fees within the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) program will increase as follows:

- Test fees currently priced at \$129 will increase to \$135,
- Test fees currently priced at \$59 will increase to \$65,
- Test fees currently priced at \$115 will increase to \$125,
- Test fees currently priced at \$150 will increase to \$160, and
- Test fees currently priced at \$160 will increase to \$170.

Additionally, test fees currently priced at \$69 will decrease to \$65.

Consistent with MCL 380.1531(12), test fees will increase to reflect increases in the actual cost of exams and exam administration. These increases represent the first increase in test fees since 2017, which was the first increase in test fees since the program began in 1992.

A small portion of each test fee includes modest remittances paid to MDE and EPPs. These remittances provide for administrative expenses incurred by MDE and EPPs in implementing the MTTC program (e.g., staff, test preparation materials or services, financial assistance provided to students, stipends for educator participation in test development activities). Despite increased administrative expenses realized by MDE and EPPs since 1992, remittances have never increased. The test fee increases

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described in this memo will directly support MDE and EPPs in these administrative expenses.

MDE is committed to supporting EPPs in communicating information about the increase in test fees to affected students. For questions regarding the MTTC program and test fee increases, please contact Bridgett McDowell, Education Assessment Specialist for the MTTC program, at McDowellB@Michigan.gov.