



May 9, 2025



Welcome!

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Gail Richmond  
Michigan State University  
Department of Teacher Education



# DARTEP Business

## Meeting Dates 2025-2026

October 3, 2025 - Aquinas

December 5, 2025 - Calvin

February 6, 2026 - Virtual

Spring - In-person, to coincide with the MACTE conference

# DARTEP Business

- Approval of DARTEP minutes - February 2025
- Honoraria
- DARTEP Membership
- Election of Recording Secretary/President Elect
- Treasurer's Report
- DARTEP wear update

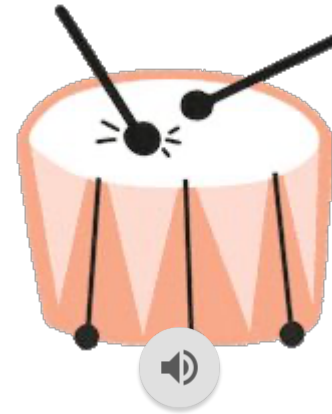
# Treasurer's Report

- DARTEP agreed to handle the collection of registration fees for MACTE.
- DARTEP provided two, 2025-2026 memberships as door prizes for MACTE. Congratulations to
  - Mystery person!
  - Christi Edge - Northern Michigan University
- Balance as of April 30, 2025 is \$31,089.50.
  - MACTE is yet to be paid
  - Breakfast and Lunch for today's DARTEP meeting.
- Registration for DARTEP for the **2025-2026** academic year is now open! This allows the EPPs flexibility to pay before the end of the fiscal year. Dues will remain \$50 per person.

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# Treasurer's Report

- Link to the [Membership Form](#)
- Link to [Pay Dues](#)
- and.....



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Wear 2.0!  
sizes  
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Nike Women's Dry Essential Solid



Nike Dry Essential Solid Polo

Link to [Order DARTEP Wear](#) after you have paid your dues.

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Thank you  
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# Organization Reports



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- Michigan Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (MACTE)
- Michigan Public Deans
- Michigan Independent Educator Preparation Institutions (MIEPI)

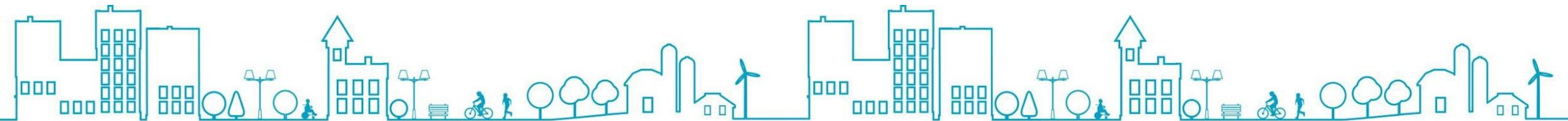
# Conference recap

- Summary of Continuous Improvement Conference

# MDE Updates

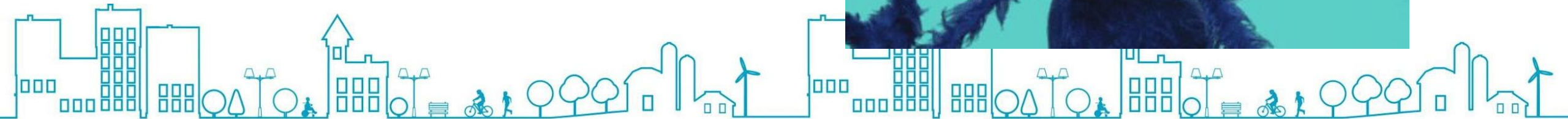
Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education  
Programs

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# Congratulations, Bridgett!

Bridgett McDowell has accepted the position of Interim Manager of the Data & Accountability Unit. She continues to support MTTC development.



# Welcome Lucas Treadwell!

Lucas joined our Professional Educator Certification Services team on April 14 as a Certification Analyst. He comes to us from Grand Valley State University, where he served as Director of Continuing and Workforce Education & Certification Officer





# 2025-2026 Regional Teachers of the Year



Region 1  
Susan Solomon



Region 2  
Thomas Schultz



Region 3  
Sarah Kresnak



Region 4  
Heather Wolf



Region 5  
Corey Rosser



**2025-2026**



Region 6  
Becky Manore



Region 7  
Lindsey Cook



Region 8  
Deidra LaPointe



Region 9  
Stephanie  
Jaskolski



Region 10  
Susan Kelsey-  
Brewton



# Congratulations to Corey Rosser, 2025-26 Michigan Teacher of the Year!

- Teaches Social Studies at Quest High School, North Branch Area Schools
- 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University



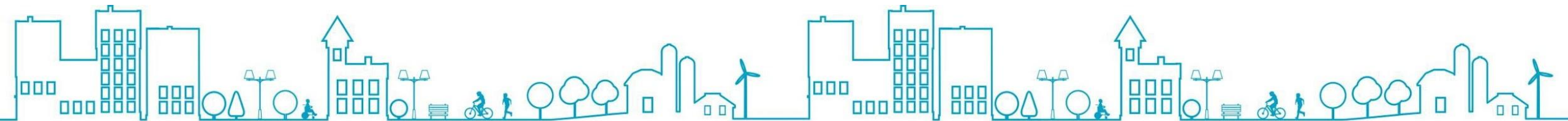
# MDE-OEE DARTEP Written Updates

- Issued quarterly, archived on the DARTEP website, and always valuable!

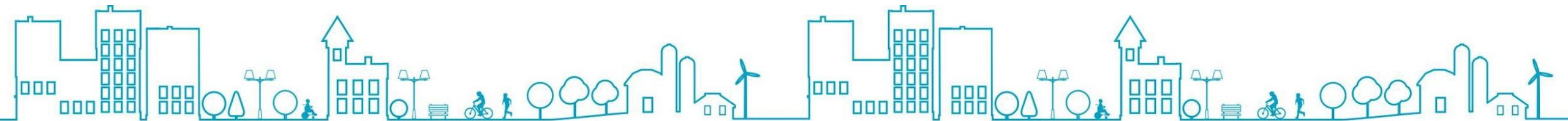


**Office of Educator Excellence**  
**DARTEP Update**  
**May 9, 2025**

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# Legislation & Budget



# Budget Season Highlights

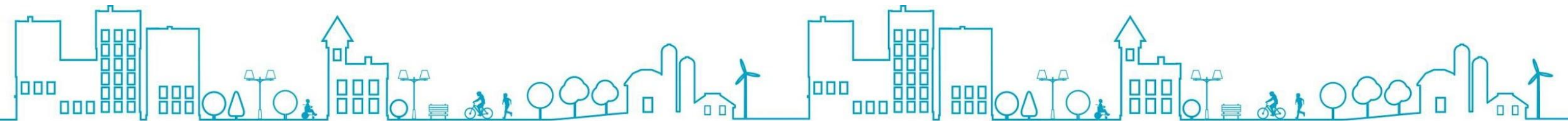
- Governor's executive budget recommendation includes \$50 million for 27b Grow Your Own programs
- Senate School Aid budget bill
  - \$20 million for educator housing
  - Continued funding for MI Future Educator Fellowships & Stipends
- Neither Governor nor Senate continue funding for MTTC reimbursement grants



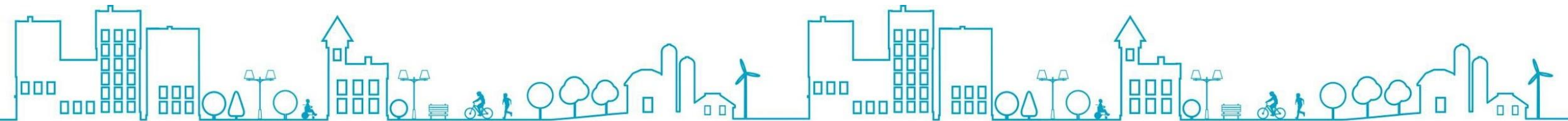


# Active Bills

- HJR E – Provides governor-appointed superintendent of public instruction, *reported out of House committee, 3/19*
- HJR G – Eliminates State Board of Education
- HB 4148 – Requires State Board of Education members to be selected from districts
- HB 4150 – Eliminates certification fees – *passed House, 3/12*
- HB 4151 – Allows for additional endorsement by exam – *passed House, 3/12*
- HB 4152 – Requires math and science professors to develop teacher preparation programs in math and science – *reported out of House committee, 3/5*
- HB 4153 – Creates local teaching certificates, issued by school districts – *passed House, 3/12*

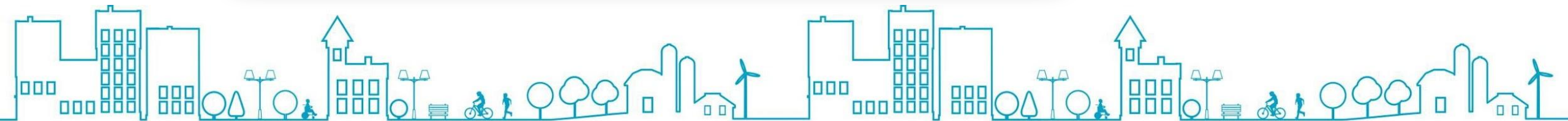
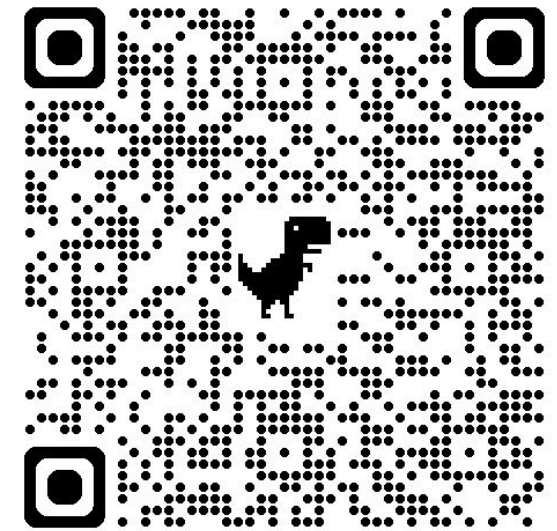


# Research Highlights

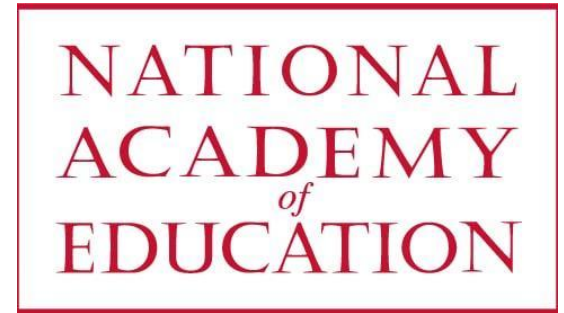



# COVID-19 Flexibilities

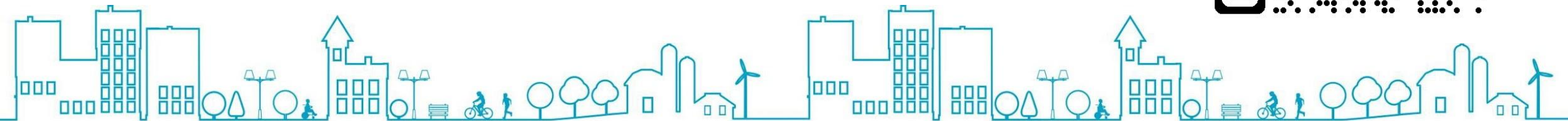
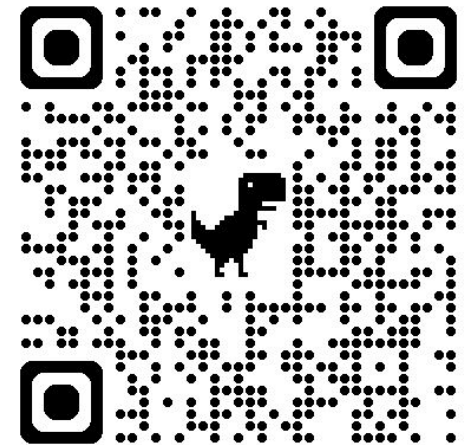
Guzman, M., Kilbride, T., Rogers, S., & Strunk, K. O. Strunk (2025). *Michigan teacher licensure, retention, and effectiveness during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research.



# Evaluating and Improving Teacher Preparation Programs

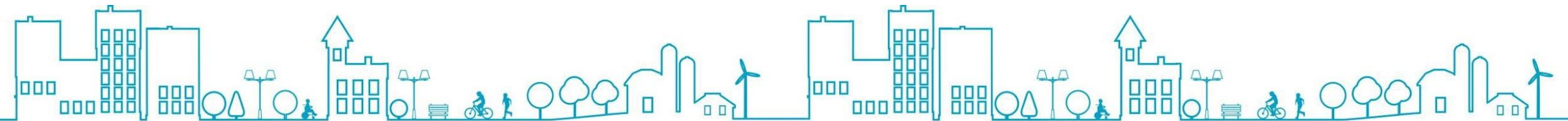


- Catch the webinar, ~~May 22~~ **June 4** at 2:00 pm (new date)
- Register at <https://www.nasdtec.net/events/register.aspx?id=1956717>
- Read the Executive Summary & Consensus Report 



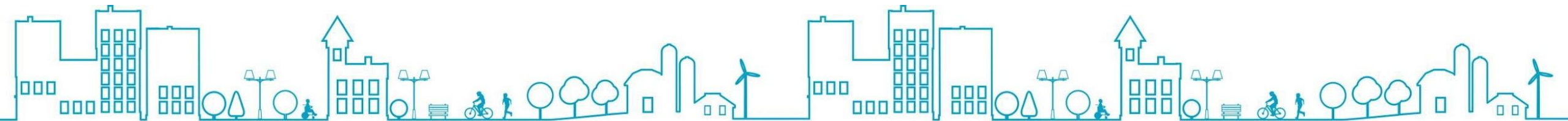
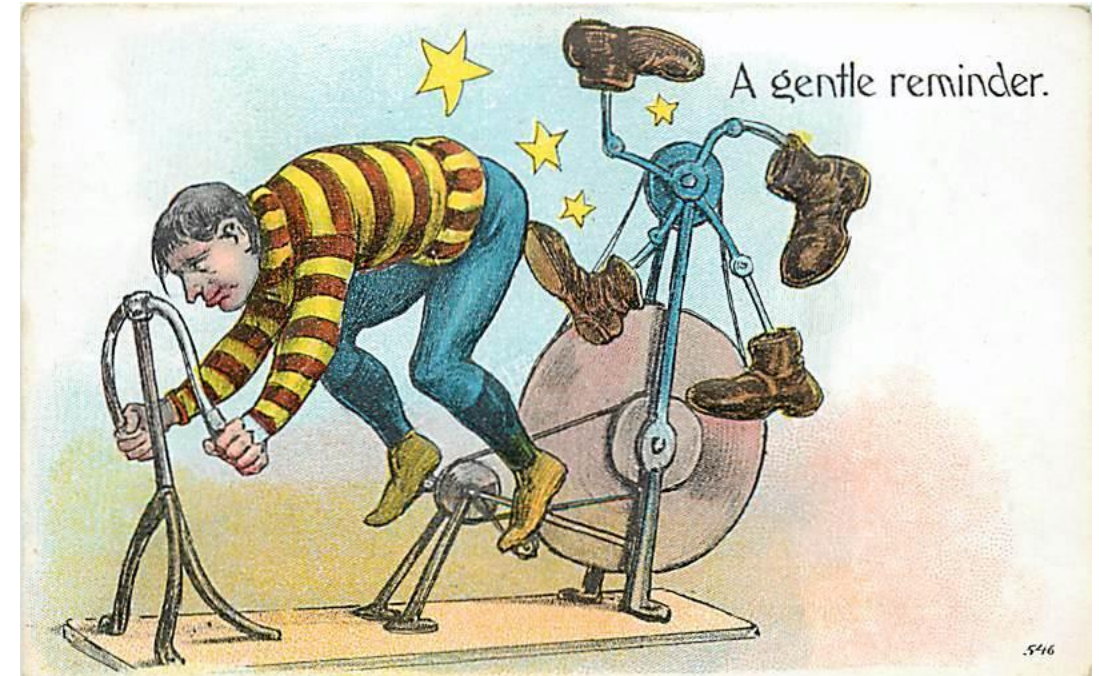


# Preparation



# Closure Documentation

- Closure forms & rosters due **six months** after date on approval letter
- Vital for public directory & ensuring teach-out candidates can get certified
- Helpful to include candidates who completed but didn't get certified

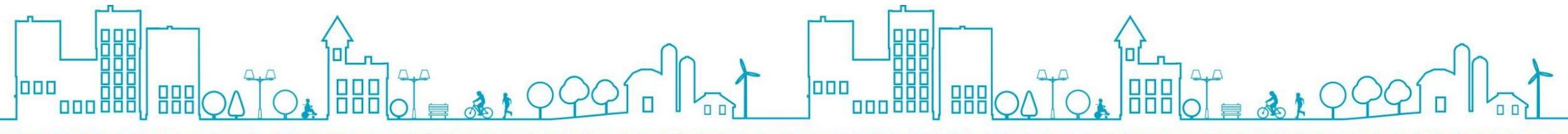


# Special Education Teacher Standards Update

Approval presentation May 13

If approved

- Special education faculty summit – September 2025
- Technical assistance to programs Fall 2025
- First applications accepted April 2026
- MARSE rule revisions before endorsement available
- Earliest MTTC 2028



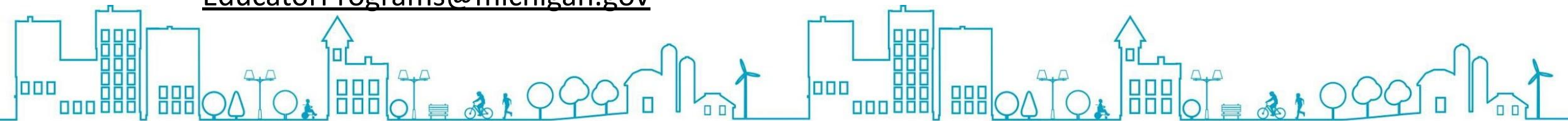
# Disciplinary Literacy & Dyslexia

## Application Guidance Sessions

- January through April 2025 Collaborative Working Sessions
  - MDE guidance and discussions on application requirements
  - Resources and process progress shared by UM-AA, NMU, and GVSU colleagues
- Next session: May 22 @ 2 PM workshop
  - Join the Teams meeting [here](#)
  - Last scheduled collaboration session June 20, 2025
- Completed DLPS/Dyslexia application
  - Due by **June 30, 2025**
  - Completed application and accompanying documents to [EducatorPrograms@michigan.gov](mailto:EducatorPrograms@michigan.gov)



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# PK-12 Literacy Preparation Continuum

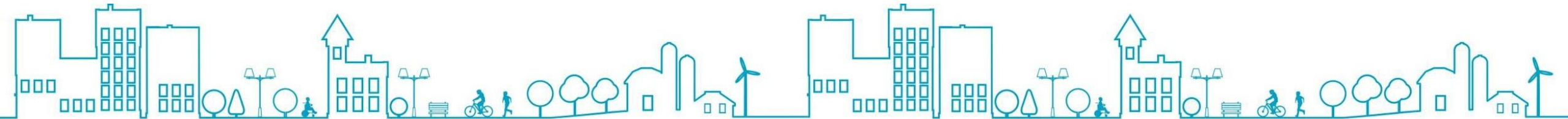
## Need to know PA 146 & PA 147

### Resources

- [K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Laws webpage](#)
- Monthly Collaborative Working Sessions: [Resources & Meeting Links](#)
- [PA 146 & PA 147 FAQ](#) (from districts)
- [PA 147 Implementation FAQ](#) (from EPPs)

### Upcoming Webinars

- *The Reading Brain*, May 15, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, [register here](#)
- *Engaging Classroom Libraries - Part 1*, May 22, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, [register here](#)
- *Engaging Classroom Libraries - Part 2*, May 29, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, [register here](#)



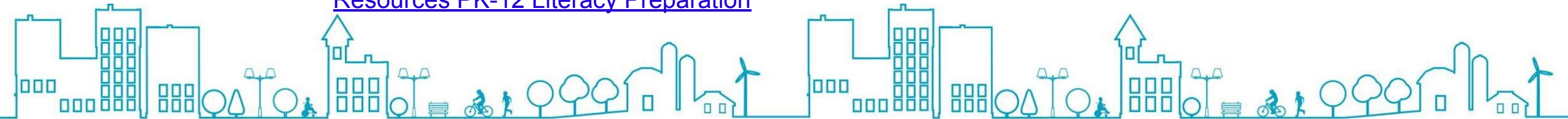
# PK-12 Literacy Preparation Continuum

## Implementation Resources

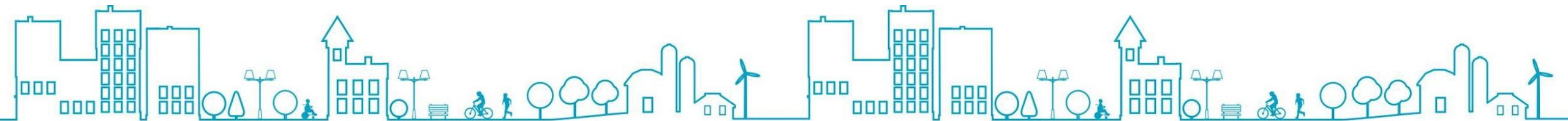
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[Resources PK-12 Literacy Preparation](#)

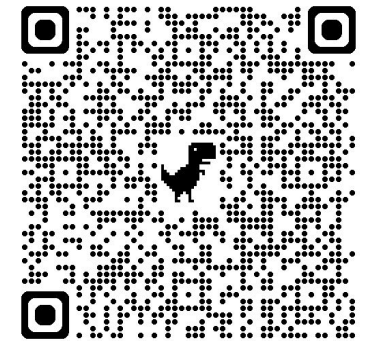


# MTTC



# MTTC: PKS Tests – Which Endorsements?

Endorsement Code	Endorsement Name	Standards Approval Date	Grade Band/Range	MTTC Test(s)	Date of Most Recent Significant Change to Test Framework	<a href="#">Professional Knowledge and Skills Test Required for Initial Certification</a>	Notes
BA	English	April 2000	6-12	002	October 2008	No	Test (002) will discontinue in July 2029
BD	Speech	May 2000	6-12	004	October 2010	No through 12/31/2025; Yes on and after 1/1/2026	
BR	Reading Specialist	2000	PK-12	092	October 2008	No	
BT	Reading	July 2000	6-12	005	October 2008	No through 12/31/2025; Yes on and after 1/1/2026	
BQ	English Language Arts	August 2020	5-9	132	September 2024	Yes	

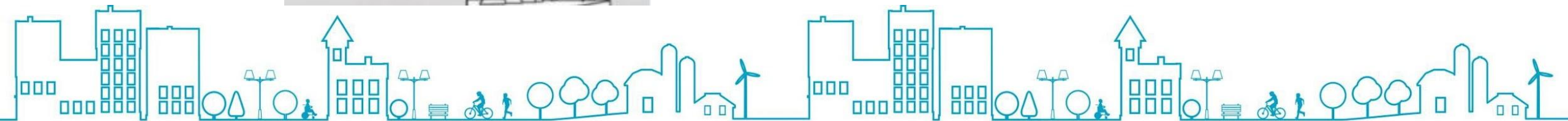




# MTTC: PKS Tests – When?



- December 31, 2025 – no PKS test
- January 1, 2026 – PKS test



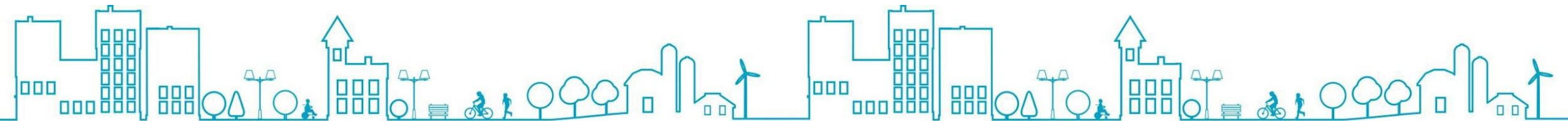
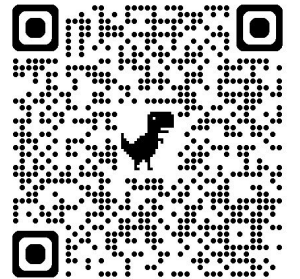
# MTTC: PKS Tests – What if...

- A candidate finishes their additional endorsement program for ESL in May 2026?

This isn't a worry. PKS tests are only required for **initial** certification.

A Professional Knowledge and Skills test is required in the following scenarios:

- Effective July 2022, candidates pursuing initial certification for Lower Elementary (PK-3) Education (ZO); Upper Elementary (3-6) Education (ZP); English Language Arts (5-9), (7-12), (BQ); Mathematics (5-9), (7-12), (EQ).
- Effective January 2026, candidates pursuing initial certification in any other endorsement, as documented in [Active Endorsements and MTTC Alignment guidance](#).

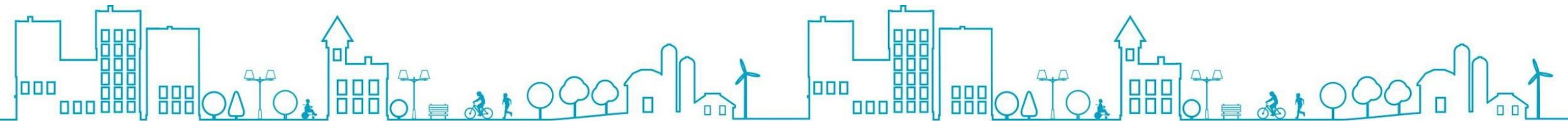


# MTTC: PKS Tests – What if...

- A candidate finishes their initial certification for Latin in December 2025?

Their EPP can advise them to apply in MOECS before 11:59pm on December 31, 2025 if they do not want to take a PKS test.

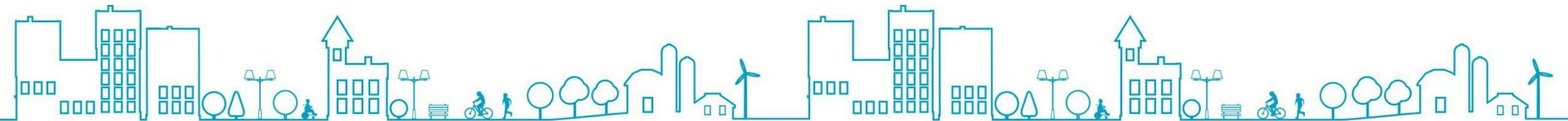
If they wait until after 11:59pm on December 31, 2025, MOECS will require a PKS test.



# MTTC: PKS Tests – What if...

- I can't respond to applications in MOECS on December 31?

This is not a worry. The timestamp that matters is **when the candidate applied** in MOECS, not when an EPP responds to the application.





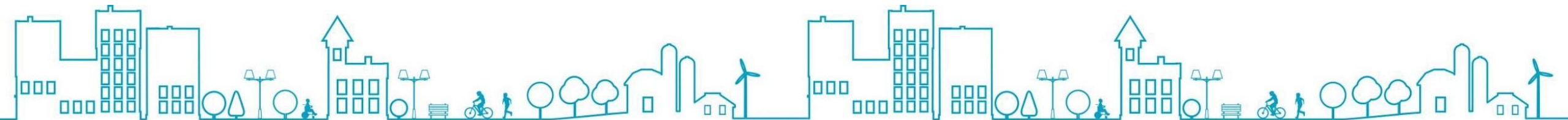
# MTTC: PKS Tests – What if...

- A candidate applies in MOECS for initial certification in Bilingual-German *just before* the ball drops in Times Square?

MOECS will not look for a PKS test.



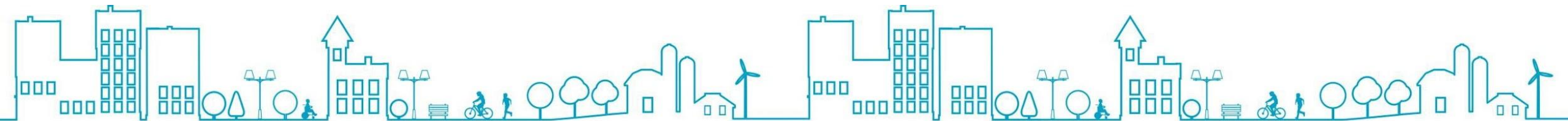
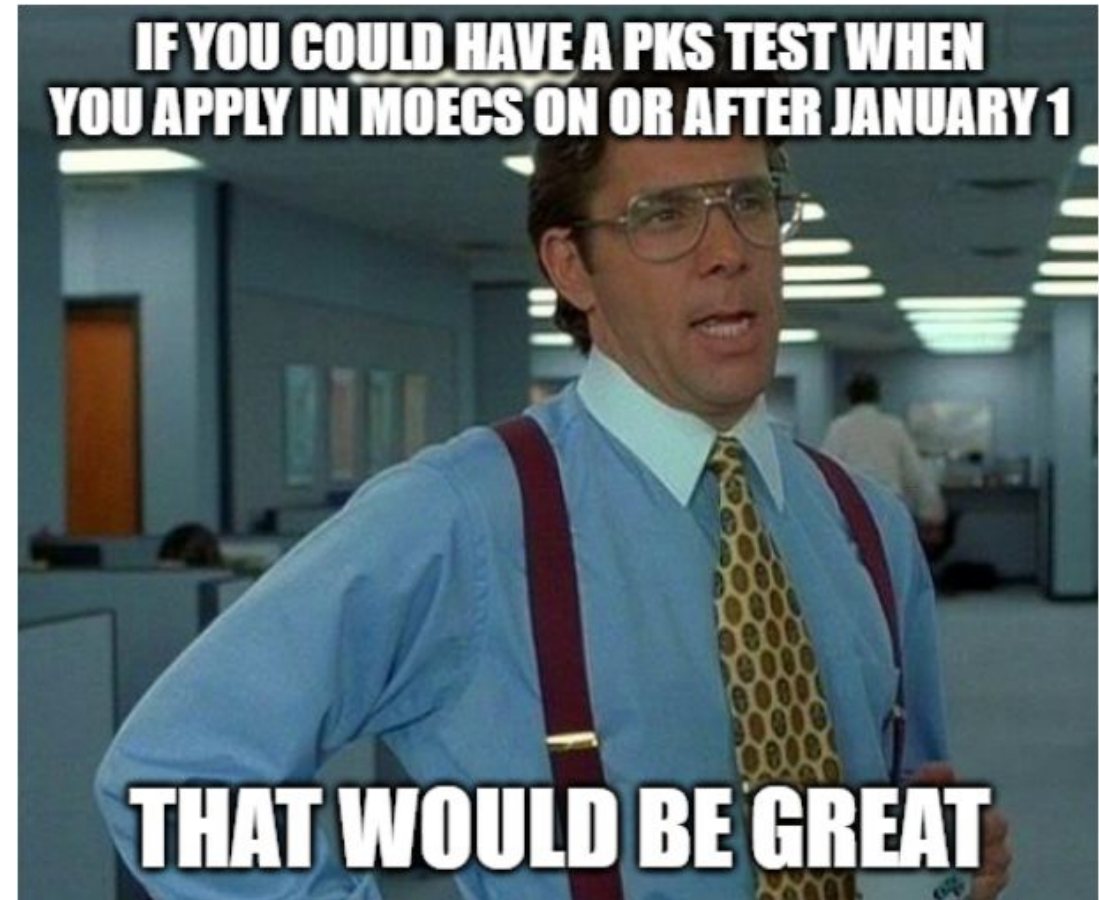
Marked Safe From  
**MOECS**  
Today



## MTTC: PKS Tests – What if...

- The world has a Y2K moment and the application doesn't go through in MOECS until *just after* midnight on January 1?

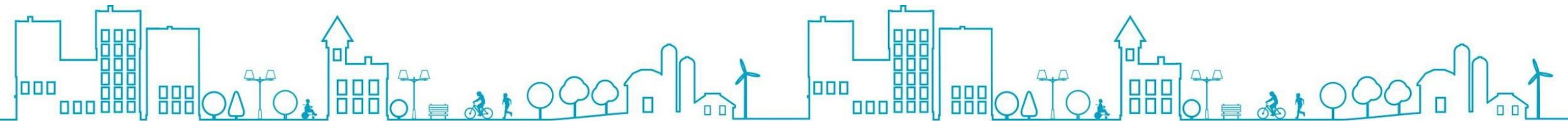
The candidate applied on January 1, so MOECS will look for a PKS test.



# MTTC: Social Studies (7-12)

## Item Review Conference

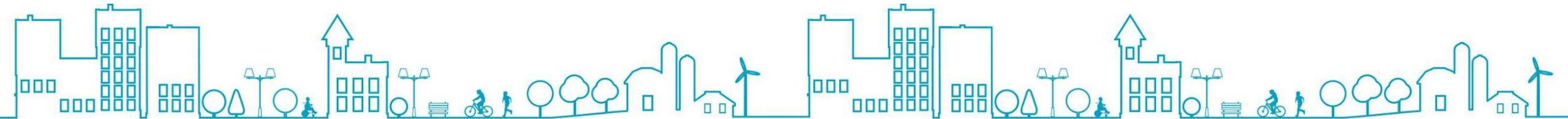
- **When:**
  - July 22-24 Content Advisory
  - July 24-25 Equity and Access
- **Where:** In-person, Lansing area
- **Who:** your faculty, your recent grads, your CTs, your field supervisors, your mentor teachers
- **How:** <https://www.mirecruit.nesinc.com/>



## MTTC: Social Studies (7-12)

**Why** (besides honorarium, SCECHs, practice test access, travel reimbursement, engaging professional development, etc.)

*This was such a valuable process. I have had an intern for the past eight years. Each one has said they were frustrated with the test, and I have been accumulating reasons why they were frustrated over the years. This committee **addressed all those concerns**. I feel much more confident that teacher candidates taking this test in the future will have a much more **accurate and useful assessment of what they should know** to be a successful teacher. Thanks for helping me grow as a professional.*





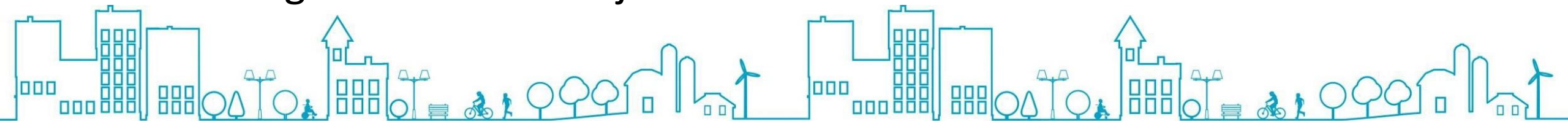
# MTTC: Test Prep MDE Doesn't Recommend & Why

## What to avoid

- Many "MTTC" materials marketed to candidates
- Examples: Mometrix, Study.com, 240 Tutoring, Passage Preparation, Learning Liaisons

## Why you should avoid it

- Poor alignment to grade range
- Low-level questions
- Poor alignment to test objectives

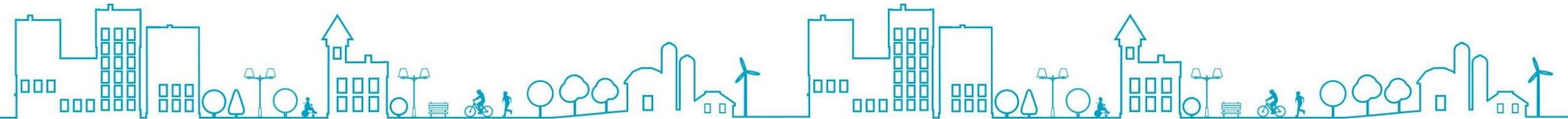


# MTTC: Test Prep MDE Doesn't Recommend & Why

## **Mometrix: PK-3 Professional Knowledge and Skills (item 49)**

Which of the following behaviors typically develops earliest in babies/toddlers/young children?

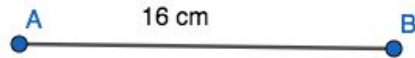
- A. Coordinating their peer-play behaviors
- B. Sharing toy/object activities with peers
- C. Prosocial, helping, and caring behaviors
- D. Creating "make-believe" play scenarios



# MTTC: Test Prep MDE Doesn't Recommend & Why

## Study.com: Mathematics (Secondary)

3. The distance from point A to point B is equal to 16 cm.



If the line is divided into four equal segments, how long will each segment measure?

☐ 2 cm

☐ 12 cm

☐ 4 cm

☐ 8 cm

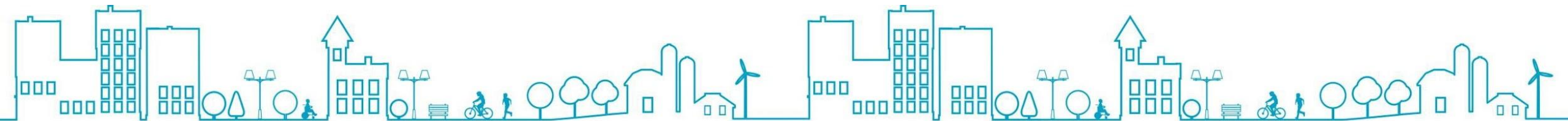
5. What is one way to solve a quadratic equation?

☐ inverse

☐ least common multiple

☐ opposite

☐ FOIL



# MTTC: Learning Liaisons



**DRjason Ampel**

**Admin**



All-star contributor · March 27 at 9:21AM · 🌟



Working on one of our new 7-12 Math Tests...

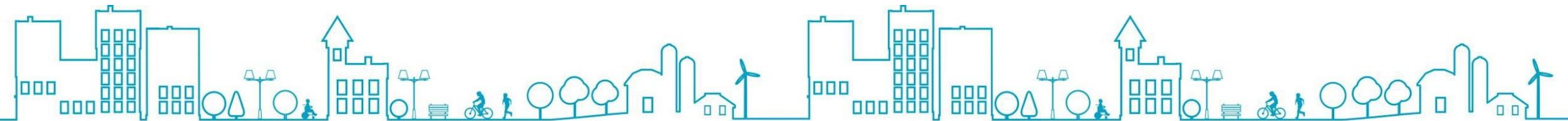
What do you think the answer is and why? (and if you're like me, you're like...what the HECK is this? lol)

**Solve the system of equations**

$$4x - 2y = 10$$

$$2x + 3y = 7$$

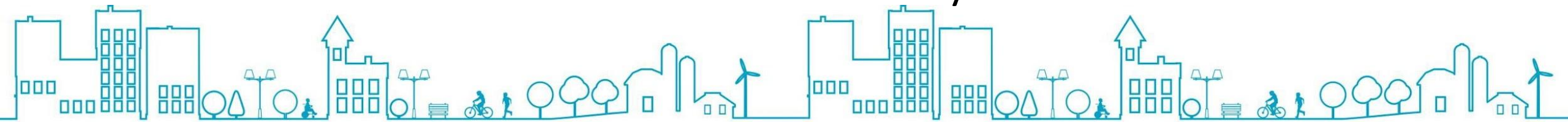
- a. (4, 3)
- b. (1/2, 11/4)
- c. (11/4, 1/2)
- d. (11, 4)



# MTTC: Test Prep MDE Doesn't Recommend & Why

*For the past two years, I have been trying to learn through Mometrix books and flashcards. When you shared that I should stay away from them, my ears perked up. I cried because I felt like I was failing miserably. Taking their on-line practice test made studying confusing.*

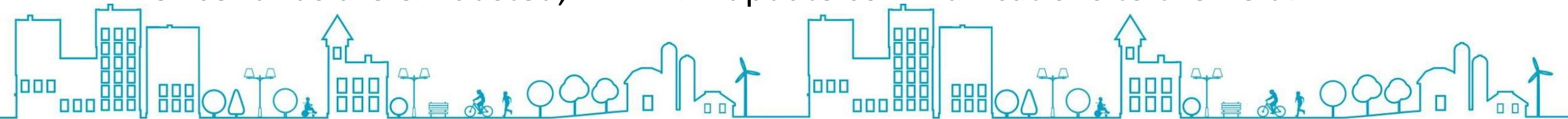
Teacher Candidate  
20 years as Paraprofessional  
16 years as Substitute Teacher





# MTTC: Reimbursement Grant – What if funds run out?

- MDE will communicate to field (listserv, MDE website, MTTC website, etc.)
- **If we're confident the program will be included in the FY26 budget**, recommend EPPs advise candidates to reschedule appointments for October 1, 2025 or later.
- **If we're not confident the program will be included in the FY26 budget**, recommend EPPs advise candidates to continue to test as appropriate, understanding that funds may run out before they can apply, despite being otherwise eligible.
- MDE will continue to update the field.
- Once funds are exhausted, MDE will update communications to the field.



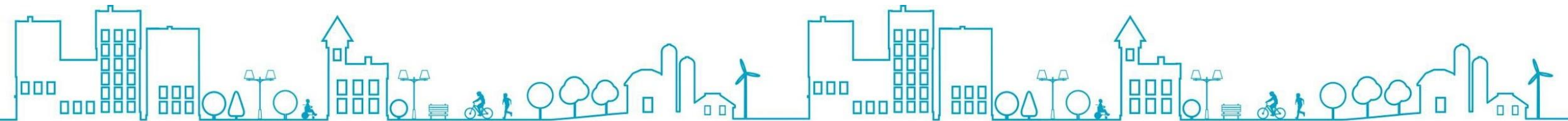


# MTTC: Administrator Testing

- Phase 1 for administrator testing will continue through 2025
  - Good faith effort
  - Not required for ES or CO endorsement
- Phase 2: TBD 2026
  - Passing test (scaled score 220 or more) required for ES or CO endorsement
  - Phase 2 start date to be determined (2026)
- Vouchers are now expired
  - First time test takers qualify for Test Fee Reimbursement Grant

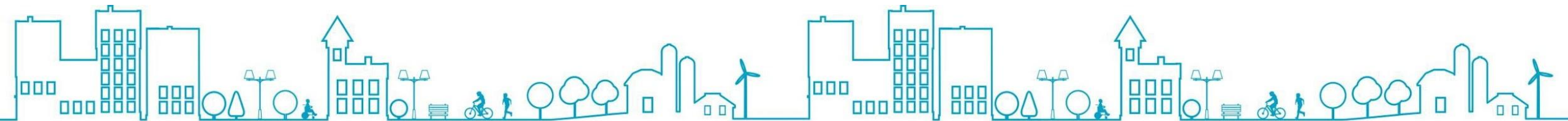
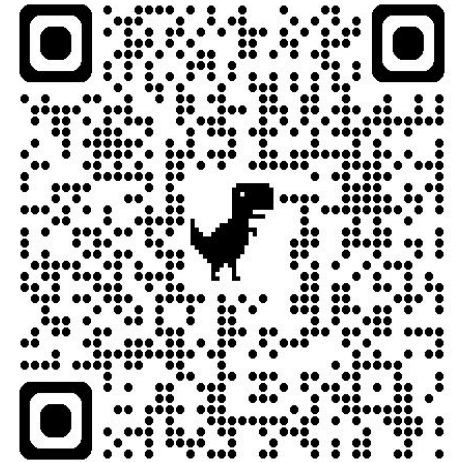


# Recruitment & Retention



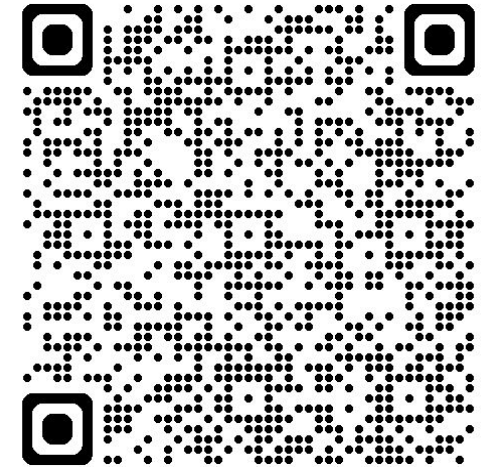
# Student Loan Repayment Program

- The application window is open, and it will close on May 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm.
- Eligible district employees are encouraged to apply
  - Individual district employees are required to fulfill the criteria outlined in the application and submit their applications directly.
- Please direct interested applicants to the Student Loan Repayment Program webpage for important details



# EXPLORE Program

- \$1 million for one fiscal year, recurring
- Dual-focus grant
  - Focus 1: EXPLORE student programs for grades 6–12
  - **Focus 2 (pilot): Tuition support for EXPLORE alumni pursuing teaching pathways**

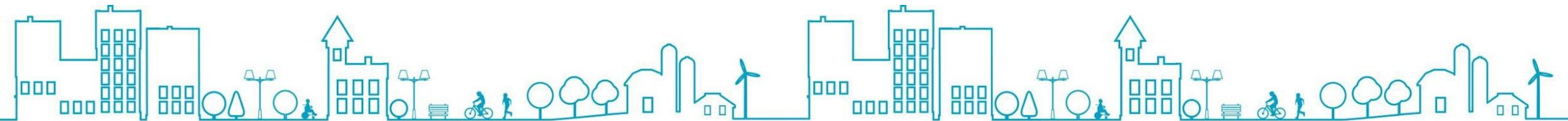
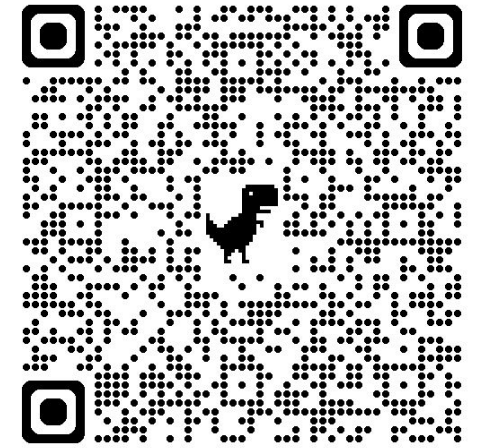


*Please communicate this opportunity to the districts with which you partner. The next grant application will be available to districts in the late summer.*



# Mentoring and Induction

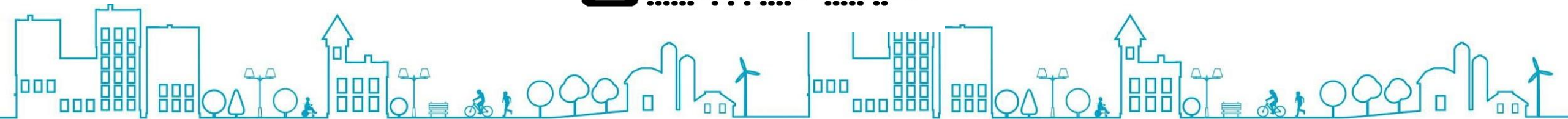
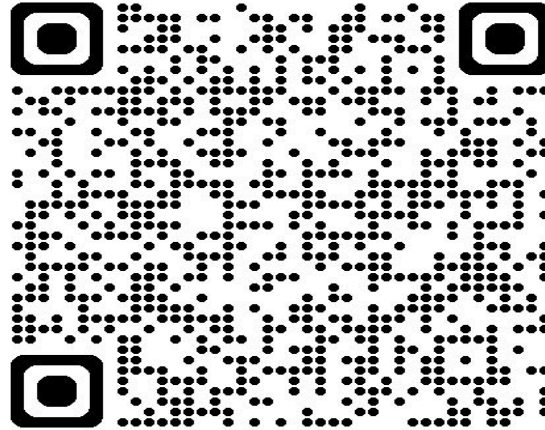
- Mentoring and Induction Standards are reaching the final round of revisions.
- American Institutes for Research (AIR) has initiated the collection of baseline data for the Evaluation Grant.
- District Support Grant closed on March 27th. We received a lot of interest from districts. Given the large number of applicants, we will still need more reviewers.
- [Mentoring and Induction Grants website](#)





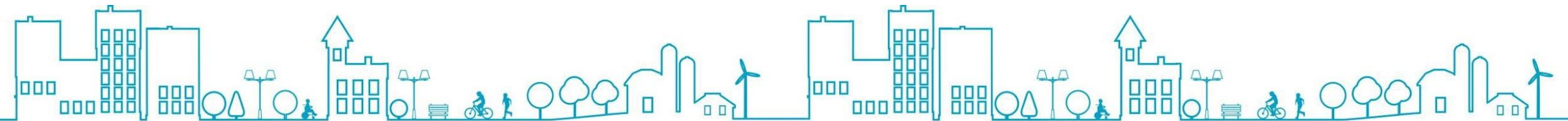
# Michigan Department of Education Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 10 am – 4 pm



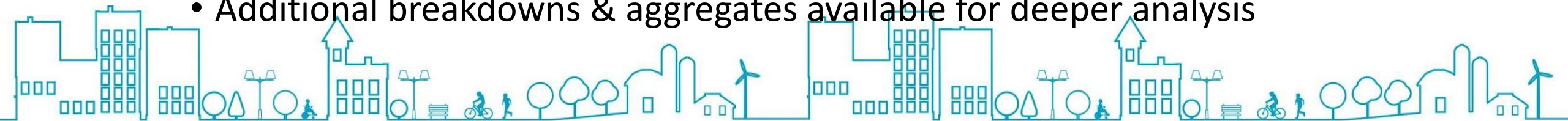
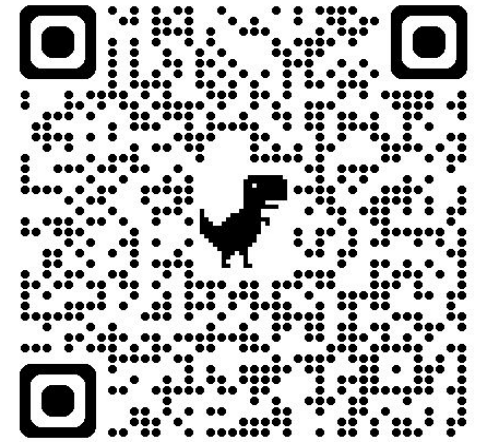


# Data & Accountability



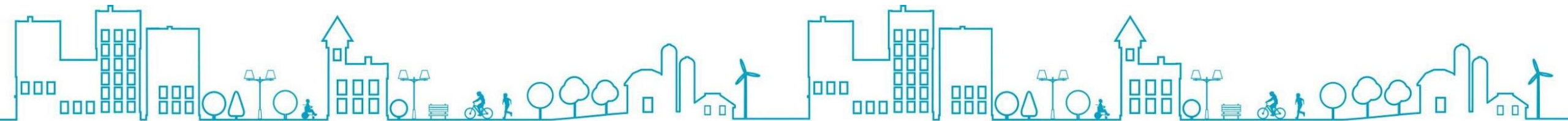
# Data Dashboard

- Updated with 2023-24 data
- Trends & Nuances
  - Year-over-year increase in number of initial teaching certs
  - 21% increase compared to 2022-23
  - Growth primarily due to temporary credentials (ITC)
- New Features & Enhancements
  - Interactive filters added, including EPP-level details in survey reports
  - Visual displays (live map of regions, school districts)
  - Additional breakdowns & aggregates available for deeper analysis



# Surveys & Candidate Tracking

- FW2024 Candidate Suite Surveys
  - Results distributed 3/18 for EPP review
- Candidate Tracking
  - June 30: All 2024-25 candidates who are Title II enrollees are in MOECS
  - July: Template to add unresponsive candidates
- SS2025 Candidate Suite Surveys
  - March 19 to June 15



# Completer Definition

Updating ES definition of a completer to match Title II glossary:

"Code 3 - Program Completer: A person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript or other written proof of having met the program's requirements. In applying this definition, the fact that an individual has or has not been recommended to the state for an initial teaching credential may not be used as a criterion for determining who is a program completer."

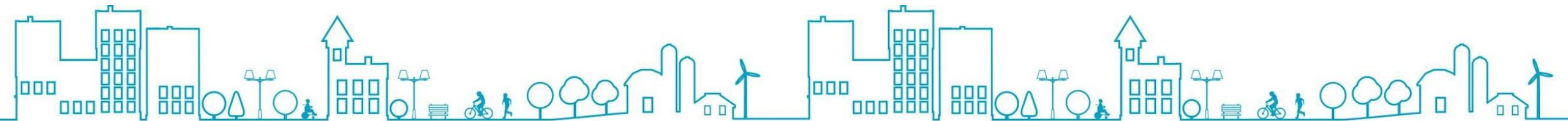


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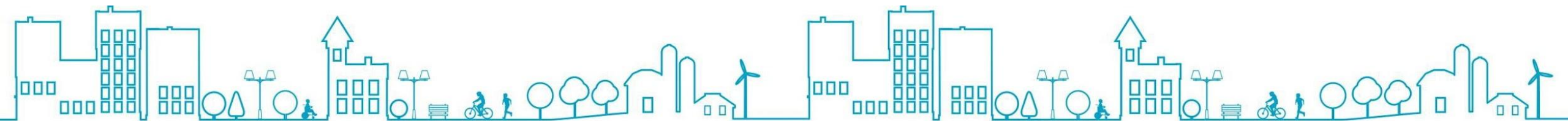
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# Thank you!





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# See you in the Fall!

- October 3, at Aquinas College