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## Michigan Joins Growing List of Educators Rising State Affiliates

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA (December 2, 2022) – The Michigan Education Association, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Education, signed a memorandum of understanding with PDK International to become a state affiliate for Educators Rising.

Michigan has now joined a growing list of states that are preparing the next generation of educators with a state-level partnership with Educators Rising. As a state affiliate, Michigan will enhance classroom learning through state conferences and competitions, and state-level leadership opportunities for students as they learn more about – and prepare for – a career in education.

“Educators Rising is excited to have Michigan join us as a state affiliate. With the addition of Michigan, Educators Rising now has 37 state affiliates working from all levels to recruit the next generation of educators. We look forward to the continued and expanded partnership between Educators Rising, the Michigan Education Association, and the Michigan Department of Education,” said **Dr. Lisa D. Rollins, National Director of Outreach and Partnerships**.

“MEA is excited about this endeavor and is looking forward to continuing its mission to support current and aspiring educators. We are looking forward to partnering with Educators Rising teachers and student members as we grow this excellent program,” said **Annette Christiansen, Educators Rising Michigan State and Regional Coordinator**.

To learn more about Educators Rising, visit [educatorsrising.org](https://educatorsrising.org).

### *About Educators Rising*

*In 2015, PDK International – in its 115-year commitment to the profession of education – launched Educators Rising, formerly the Future Educators Association (FEA). Today, Educators Rising is cultivating a new generation of highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path from high school through college and into their teaching careers. By working with aspiring educators who reflect the demographics of their communities and who are passionate about serving those communities through public education, Educators Rising is changing the face of teaching.*

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