

## TEACHER CERTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

1. I have read and understand the following statement from the Michigan Department of Education:

“The employing school district is required by law to ensure that teachers are properly certificated. In addition, the Revised School Code, Act 451 of 1976 Section 380.1532(1), states that a teaching certificate is valid only if the certificate is signed and notarized, and a copy is filed with the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the teacher expects to teach.

The School Aid Act (M.C.L § 388.1763 – Sec. 163 of Act 207 of P.A. 1990) states that a district that employs a teacher, administrator, or counselor who is not legally certificated in the subject areas and grade levels to which they are assigned shall have deducted the sum equal to the amount paid that individual for the period of non-certification or illegal employment. The school official who knowingly places an individual in that position may also be subject to a \$1,500 fine.”

2. I understand that the interim certificate is not renewable and that it is only valid while I am actively enrolled in an approved certification program.
3. To be recommended for a standard teaching certificate through M-ARC, I must teach under my interim certificate for three academic years and I must meet all other M-ARC program requirements within the 5-year validity of my MTTC scores. A standard certificate will only be issued for the content area(s)/grade level(s) in which I have taught at least one year during my time in M-ARC.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_