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May 3, 2017

Dear Ms. Surd:

Thank you for seeking clarification regarding the certificates and permits for educators participating in the Code.org program. Please note that Memo 2017-045 states that "Administrators may use discretion when assigning teachers to courses related to these endorsement areas. For example, a teacher with a computer science endorsement may still be assigned to teach computer science. Or, an administrator may place a teacher in the assignment who is certified at the grade level and has demonstrated strong computer science skills, but does not hold a computer science endorsement." This memo supersedes the memo from November 1, 2016 explaining how the permit structure changes can be used to teach this course.

With the computer science endorsement phase out, if a teacher holds a certificate at the grade level at which the course is offered, a permit is not needed. If the teacher is **not** certified at the grade level, then the administrator would still need to apply for a permit.

Additional information regarding appropriate placement can be found in the [Quick Reference: Courses That Can be Taught](#).

If you have questions regarding the phase out of endorsements, please call the Office of Professional Preparation Services at 517-373-3310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah C. Breen".

Leah C. Breen, Director  
Office of Professional Preparation Services

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