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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Grants to Intermediate Districts or First Class Districts to Create and Implement Middle College High School Focused on the Field of Health Sciences

The Michigan Legislature with the 2007 State School Aid Act, Section 64, (1) appropriated \$2,000,000 for grants to intermediate school districts or a district of first class to create and implement Middle College High Schools focused on the field of health services. The grantees will enter into a consortium with a community college or state public university and an accredited hospital.

The Middle College High School will be organized in such a manner that it will provide courses and other requirements that will allow a pupil to graduate with a high school diploma and a certificate or degree from a community college or state public university.

The Middle College High School will develop outreach programs to provide information about career opportunities in the health sciences to middle school and high school students. The Middle College High School will have a curriculum that includes entry-level college courses and offers clinical rotations that provide opportunities for pupils to observe careers in the health sciences. Each student enrolled in the middle college will have an individualized education plan.

**It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Middle College High School Health Partnership Grants as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum, dated July 24, 2006.**

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Criteria for The Middle College High School Health Partnership Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students." In addition, the State Board has adopted the following five Strategic Initiatives to implement the goal:

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| Ensuring Excellent Educators     | • Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy   |
| Elevating Educational Leadership | • Integrating Communities and Schools |
| Embracing the Information Age    |                                       |

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will include priority consideration of the Strategic Goal and the Strategic Initiatives.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

Competitive       Formula       New       Continuation      *(check all that apply)*

The Michigan Legislature has directed \$2,000,000 be made available to create Middle College High Schools with a focus on the health sciences occupations. Several planning grants will be made available to consortia consisting of (1) an Intermediate School District (ISD) or district of the first class, (2) a community college or public university, and (3) an accredited hospital.

The primary goal of the Middle College High School with focus on health science occupations is to provide students who have been traditionally underserved with new experience and opportunities related to health sciences while earning a high school diploma and an associate's degree or the ability to transfer courses as college credits.

The Middle College High School will be authorized to grant a high school diploma or appropriate college credit. Instruction will be characterized by collaborative, project-oriented, interdisciplinary curricula. The Middle College High School will have the expectation that faculty will be counselor/advocates as well as teachers. Student outcomes will be measured by multiple assessments including hands-on performance based assessments. Staff and faculty will participate in ongoing professional learning focused on health sciences.

**LEGISLATION**

The 2007 State School Aid Act, Section 64, (1) appropriates \$2,000,000 for grants to create Middle College High Schools focused on the field of health sciences.

**RATIONALE FOR CRITERIA**

This grant program supports one of the State Board of Education Strategic Goals: Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students. Additionally, it will advance strategic goal priorities of (1) continuing to advocate and promote high school reform; and (2) continuing to work on solidifying the relationship between and among State Board of Education, Michigan Department of Education, and Intermediate School Districts.

**CRITERIA**

Defined in Legislation     Defined in Department's Grant     Proposed by Staff

**SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS MUST:**

The grants awarded will be planning grants. The successful applicants will describe how they will address the following during the planning process.

The Intermediate School Districts or district of the first class will establish a consortium with a community college or state public university and an accredited hospital that:

Provides a teaching location on the college campus and/or hospital site;

Integrates the Middle College High School into the organization of the college and hospital, including locating the middle college in the community college/state university and/or hospital facilities; and

Coordinates the calendars of the community college/state university and the Middle College High School.

Establish outreach programs to provide information to Middle School and High School students about career opportunities relative to health science occupations.

Establish an individualized education plan for each pupil enrolled. The individualized learning plan will be reviewed each semester.

Grant a high school diploma, a certificate or a degree from a community college or state public university, or transferable college credits.

Create a curriculum characterized by collaborative, project-based, interdisciplinary curricula that will include clinical rotations or internships for pupils to observe careers in the health sciences.

Provide a structured student support system which will combine the roles of teacher and counselor.

Measure student outcomes by multiple assessments including performance-based assessments, teacher/mentor observation, and portfolios.

Target students who are underserved in the current high school structure.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

Grants will be made available to consortia consisting of an ISD or a school district of the first class, a community college or public university, and an accredited hospital.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$2,000,000 for grants to create Middle College High Schools focused on the field of health sciences.

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