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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors 

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2008 Walter P. Chrysler Closing the Technology Gap in Education Awards

It has come to our attention that an important awards program that provides funds to help build the science, technology, engineering, and math curriculums is not being utilized to its potential. Few schools have applied for these funds.

The Chrysler Foundation's Closing the Technology Gap in Education Awards recognize Michigan public school educators who have taken extra steps to stimulate students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Now entering its third year, the program continues to encourage teachers who inspire students to pursue careers in technical fields, filling future jobs in the auto industry.

Last year, 29 schools received 30 cash prizes totaling \$87,000. Ten prizes were awarded on each school level: elementary, middle/junior and high school. This year's awards are first prize - \$15,000; second prize - \$7,500; and third prize - \$3,000. Winners who place 4th through 10th place will receive \$500.

Awards go to the schools and are used to build the science, technology, engineering and math curriculums.

Entries are open to all Michigan public school educators who focus on science, technology, engineering and math. For information regarding the application process, go to www.chryslerteacherawards.com. **All entries must be postmarked by February 22, 2008.**

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