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SUBJECT: Update on Section 35a(3) and 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement Grant

As a part of the 2016-2017 State School Aid Act appropriations (PA 249 of 2016), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received \$4,500,000 under Sections 35a(3) (MCL 388.1635a) and 104d (MCL 388.1704d) for the Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant.

The Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant provides \$4,500,000 to districts for reimbursement for the purchase of a computer-adaptive test for each pupil enrolled in the district or the purchase of one or more diagnostic tools, screening tools, or benchmark assessments for pupils in grades K-3 that are intended to increase reading proficiency by the start of grade 4.

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At this time, the MDE is working with legislative partners in order to define the requirements and guidelines of the grant, by doing so, the MDE is hoping to design a process and application that is streamlined for districts.

Currently, the Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant application is not available. The MDE will send out communication via the Superintendent's eblast, partnership organizations, and the Early Literacy website when the application is available.

If you have any questions, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance