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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2016

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

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *njs*
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Carryover of Early Literacy Grant Funds

As a part of the State 2015-2016 school aid appropriations (PA 85 of 2015 Sec. 35a), the State Legislature has set aside grant funds for the following areas that are eligible for carryover:

- Additional Instructional Time – Section 35a(6) provides \$17,500,000 to districts for additional instructional time for pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.
- Literacy Coaches – Section 35a(5) provides \$3,000,000 for early literacy coaches at Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to assist teachers in developing and implementing instructional strategies for pupils in grades K-3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.

Districts or ISDs that have received these grants and are unable to expend the funds by September 30, 2016 are eligible to carryover those funds until September 30, 2017. Grant awardees must provide notification to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in writing no later than October 31, 2016 if they intend to carryover the funds into the next fiscal year. Carryover notification should be emailed to: MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov. Any funds that have not be expended by September 30, 2017 will be returned to the MDE no later than September 30, 2017.

With an estimated \$4,300,000 remaining with the Additional Instruction Time grant, the ability to retain these funds and to make them available in the 2017 fiscal year, it is imperative that those districts that have not applied for these funds take the GELN survey. Survey results will help provide justification for extending the funds into the next fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding the Carryover of Early Literacy Grant Funds or completion of the survey, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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