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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Criteria for the 2010-13 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Region 3 Intermediate School District Partnership Grant

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires each state to provide technical assistance, oversight, and monitoring to ensure that accountability provisions are fully implemented. The Office of Field Services (OFS) receives federal program funds to administer, monitor and implement programs that improve the achievement of students most in need of supplementary assistance. Three years ago a similar grant was awarded which proved to be very successful. This partnership grant program would expand the state's capacity for compliance with legislation requirements and would enhance the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to assist local districts. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will partner with eleven (11) ISDs for the Office of Field Services Region 3 area of Michigan through a single fiscal intermediary. The partnership program has two parts:

Area 1: **Staffing of regional field service responsibilities for state and federal grant application administration**

The OFS works under a region-based model to comply with the requirements of the legislation and to facilitate district efforts to use resources to impact the academic performance of students. MDE will partner with the OFS Region 3 ISDs to secure three Field Service Consultants to serve the region and develop capacity in local educational agencies to administer effective ESEA programs.

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Area 2: **Expansion of compliance monitoring, instructional and school improvement tool dissemination, technical assistance, and professional development**

The partnership program will allow MDE to more effectively utilize existing state and federal funds to fulfill the federal requirements and state-wide initiatives.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the 2010-13 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Region 3 Intermediate School District Partnership Grant as identified in Attachment A, of the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 25, 2010.



### **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

It is anticipated that approximately \$950,000 will be available annually for each year of the partnership from all federal and state programs administered by the Office of Field Services.

### **LEGISLATION**

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, General Applicability of State Educational Agency Assurances: Section 9304(a) (3) (A), (B), (C).

### **OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT**

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