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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Criteria for Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers

The Education of Children from Migratory Families, Title I, Part C of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), provides funding to local programs through the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Title I, Part C is unique among NCLB programs in that MDE serves as manager for the statewide program. Among the requirements for funding is the mandate to identify and recruit eligible migrant students from all geographic areas of the state. This is accomplished through the services of three Identification and Recruitment (ID&R) Centers, located in three locally operated programs.

Prior to 2009, the funding for the three ID&R centers has been negotiated individually with each center, based on the territory that is covered, the staffing required, and the administrative support necessary to complete the task.

Recent changes in guidance from the United States Office of Migrant Education require that MDE refocus the procedures to comply with statewide recruitment and identification of eligible migrant students.

The Michigan Department of Education has developed criteria for considering grants for the operation of Title I, Part C, ID&R Centers. A Request for Proposals will be issued pending approval of the criteria. As in the past, local operating programs will continue to identify and recruit migrant students within their own district attendance area. The ID&R centers will identify and recruit students from the balance of the state, including the Upper Peninsula. All local and intermediate school districts or operating agencies will be eligible to submit proposals for consideration.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Grant Criteria for Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Centers under Title I, Part C, No Child Left Behind, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 23, 2009.

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Approval of Grant Criteria for Migrant Education Program
Identification and Recruitment Centers

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."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT
Integrating Communities and Schools

The Michigan Migrant Education Program, Title I, Part C of No Child Left Behind, is focused on children in migratory families. This unique community in Michigan is served through academic, health, and social services. Migrant students tend to fail or to be at risk of failure to meet high academic standards due to school interruptions and frequent moves. The State Board's goal is for all students to receive assistance in meeting Michigan's high academic standards.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

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

Prior to this funding cycle (2010), the Identification and Recruitment Centers for the Michigan Migrant Education Program were funded on the continuation basis. Changing demographics and migration patterns prompt reconsideration of program standards and criteria.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved 1998

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

- District or agency currently operates a Title I, Part C program funded by MDE.
- District or agency has no current audit or monitoring issues pending resolution.
- District or agency has demonstrated commitment to needs of students in migratory families.
- District or agency has expertise in understanding migratory movement within the state and U.S.
- District or agency can readily provide comprehensive bilingual support to migrant families.
- District or agency has a demonstrated record of fiscal integrity and internal controls necessary to meet Federal and State standards.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Any local or intermediate district or non-profit agency that currently operates a Title I, Part C program in Michigan; up to three centers may be funded.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$500,000.00

LEGISLATION

Title I, Part C of No Child Left Behind mandates statewide identification and recruitment of children from migratory families.

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