1) **We are not planning to use our Education Jobs Fund money. Should we still complete the certification in the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS)?**

Based on the state primary funding formula, you are eligible for Education Jobs Funds. You do not have to use the funds, but it is recommended that you complete the certification so that your funds will be available in the Cash Management System (CMS) should you decide to use them.

2) **Our Education Jobs Funds are available in CMS, but we do not plan to use or draw the funds. Is there anything else we need to do?**

No, you do not have to take any further action at this time. Additional instructions will be given out as they become available.

3) **We plan to use our Education Jobs Fund money in the 2011-2012 school year. How do we request an extension?**

On June 1, 2011, all sub-recipients wishing to extend their grant end date to June 30, 2012, will need to submit an extension request in MEGS and give a brief justification. All extensions submitted will be granted. More information on the extension process will be available in the coming months.

4) **I received a Grant Award Notification, but the dollar amount is a lot smaller than I was expecting. Is the amount correct?**

Yes, the dollar amount is correct. The Grant Award Notification you received is a portion of the $70 million that has been appropriated. The State Legislature has yet to appropriate the remaining $246 million of the Education Jobs Fund. After the bill passes the legislature and is signed by the governor, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will increase all awards and enable districts to request funds in CMS in a timely manner.

5) **I received a Grant Award Notification for the Education Jobs Fund, but I am still not clear on how the money can be spent.**

The funds must be used only for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees, in order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services. Please review the “Initial Guidance for State on the Education Jobs Fund Program” posted on the MDE website for additional details and limitations.
6) **How does the Education Jobs Fund grant affect the Title I fiscal requirements?**

Please see the Federal Title I Guidance posted on the MDE website. The document includes information regarding comparability, supplement not supplant, and maintenance of effort. If you have further questions regarding Maintenance of Effort (MOE), you should contact your field services contact for the grant which you are reporting MOE.