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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 30, 2016

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

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.   
Deputy Superintendent

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Chief Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Educator Evaluation Funding for FY 2017

On Monday, June 27, 2016, Governor Rick Snyder signed Senate Bill 801 (2016) into law, finalizing the State School Aid Budget for the state fiscal year 2017. While the initial executive budget recommendation included \$10 million in section 95a to continue funding for the implementation of educator evaluations, the final conference report of the budget process, codified with the enactment of SB 801, eliminates section 95a. All state school aid funds to support the implementation of educator evaluations has thus been eliminated for the state fiscal year 2017 beginning October 1, 2016.

The elimination of educator evaluation funds is prohibitive to the continued funding for two grant programs administered by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE): the [Educator Evaluation Regional ISD Staffing Grant](#) and the [Educator Evaluation Training Grant](#).

The grant awards made to intermediate school districts (ISDs) for both of the above-named grant programs this year (2016) are not impacted. These funds will continue to be available as awarded and may be carried over per the schedule provided on the webpages linked above.

ISDs are encouraged to consider how to best use the Educator Evaluation Regional ISD Staffing Grant funds to support regional staffing dedicated to the implementation of educator evaluations given the limited term on the availability of funds. The MDE will work with ISDs and grant-supported staff in the coming months to determine how to move forward in establishing a statewide network of support in the absence of ongoing funding.

Please contact Jennifer Robel at 517-373-9661 or [robelj@michigan.gov](mailto:robelj@michigan.gov) with questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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