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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,
Public School Academy Administrators, Selected Nonpublic School
Administrators, and Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application Available

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the application for the 2009-2010 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant will be available August 26, 2009.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the Farm Bill, became law on May 22, 2008 (P.L. 110-234). Section 4303 of P.L. 110-234 amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by adding Section 19, the FFVP, making it a permanent program.

The FFVP operates through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Under the FFVP, selected schools receive reimbursement for the cost of making free fresh fruits and fresh vegetables available to students throughout the school day. All selected schools that participate in the FFVP are required to widely publicize within the school the availability of free fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the FFVP is 10.582.

Eligible Applicants

School districts that have elementary schools with a high proportion of free and reduced price student enrollment are encouraged to apply for this grant. Only elementary schools having 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free and reduced price meals may apply for the grant. Individual grant awards to schools will be based on student enrollment, with funding estimated to range between \$50 and \$75 per student. **The application deadline is September 24, 2009.**

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School Selection Criteria

Criteria for selection includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Only elementary schools may participate in the program. (If elementary students are part of a K-12 building, it must be possible to separate out the elementary students for the program.)
- Selected schools must operate the NSLP.
- Each school must submit an application for participation.
- Each selected school must have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free and reduced price meals.

Award selections will be based on merit and quality as determined by points awarded for the application review. MDE may apply other factors in making funding decisions such as (1) geographic distribution; (2) school size based on student membership (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/b101408_274872_7.pdf); and/or (3) performance of the fiscal agent on previously funded initiatives and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Child Nutrition Programs. Additionally, MDE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this announcement.

Application Information

All applicants must submit an application using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS):

- Complete your application online using MEGS at:
<http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs/>.
Note: only a MEGS Authorized Official (Level 5) may initiate the 2009-2010 FFVP grant application in MEGS.
- To find out who your MEGS Authorized Official (Level 5) is, please ask your district office or contact Tina Ray at 517-373-1806.

All grant information will be available at the following links:

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5236---,00.html> (Grants Website)

- Look under *What's New*.

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Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to the Grants Coordination and School Support, School Nutrition Training and Programs unit by email to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov or phone 517-373-3347.

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