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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local School District Superintendents  
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Intermediate School District Superintendents

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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DATE: August 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Cultural Access Grant

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a competitive Cultural Access Grant. Approximately \$200,000 has been made available through Section 99P of the State School Aid Act of 2008 and 2009.

The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to school districts for field learning visits to cultural institutions. Students in grades K - 8, will have opportunities to visit locations that feature art, music, science, Michigan history, or related experiences. The visits are intended to be an extension of the student's classroom program. Eligible applicants must have at least 50% of the pupils in membership meet the income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch, or milk.

Application, instructions, and a listing of eligible districts are posted on the Grants web page at <http://michigan.gov/mde-grants> under the *What's New* section.

Questions regarding the Cultural Access Grant may be directed to Dwight Sinila, Education Consultant, Office of Grants Administration & Coordination, (517) 241-4657, or [sinilad@michigan.gov](mailto:sinilad@michigan.gov).

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