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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant

In September 2013, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff provided the State Board of Education with information about considerations for technology readiness in schools across the state. The presentation briefly focused on the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) and some of the activities that were envisioned. The legislature allocated \$50 million in 2012 and 2013. The allocation for the grant in the current fiscal year is \$41.5 million.

Over the past year, considerable activity has taken place to position schools to be ready for online learning and assessments. The grant has been divided into three sets of initiatives:

- Participation – a focus on full participation across the state and collaboration to reduce overall costs.
- Statewide Activities – technology readiness planning, professional development, and device purchasing incentives are a few of the activities.
- Development of a State Education Network – interconnecting all Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and local districts statewide.

Many of the projects have been implemented and results are being seen across the state. This presentation will highlight the impact of some of the initiatives and actual cost savings in the past year. Additionally, the activities related to the grant have created partnerships across the MDE, other departments, and the ISDs of the state. Teamwork has been a hallmark of the success of the project. Working closely together, the focus has been on fulfilling the initiatives identified annually and developing as many sustainable models for this work as possible. MDE staff will also share some of the plans for this initiative during the 2014-2015 school year.

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