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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant

Title I, Part A of the ESEA legislation provides individual schools with a choice in the type of Title I, Part A program to operate in support of academic instruction for students with the greatest academic need. Specific requirements define each program. One of these programs, Title I, Part A Schoolwide, requires a year of planning to revise the school improvement plan and to allow for building level decisions about all funds in the school. The year of planning must be conducted by an approved facilitator from outside of the school district and is supported by a one-time grant award of \$3,000 for each school building.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant, as identified in the document included with the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012.

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Criteria for Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Continue developing an effective and equitable performance-based system that achieves academic growth and successful outcomes for all students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

Title I Schoolwide programs support the State Board of Education's goal to improve student achievement through innovation. Specifically, this grant will help address and support successful interventions for assisting schools comply by completing a federally mandated schoolwide plan which supports academic growth and successful outcomes for all students.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation Federal Grant

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) legislation provides individual schools with a choice of the type of Title I, Part A program to operate in support of academic instruction for students with the greatest academic need. Specific requirements define each program. One of these programs, Title I, Part A Schoolwide, requires a year of planning to revise the school improvement plan, and to allow for building level decisions about all funds in the school. The year of planning must be conducted by a facilitator from outside the district that has been trained and approved by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Field Services.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: 12/11/2007

Defined in Statute Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

- Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment and so are eligible to use Title I funds for schoolwide programs that will serve all children in the school.

- The school has not previously applied for the grant. The exceptions are priority or focus schools identified under the Flexibility Waiver. (ESEA Flexibility Frequently Asked Questions, August 3, 2012 "Poverty Threshold for Schoolwide Programs" Section B-17) Priority or focus schools operating as a targeted assistance program may convert to a schoolwide program under the waiver regulations.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

An eligible applicant must be a public school in a local education agency (LEA) or a public school academy (PSA) with a poverty rate of 40 percent or higher, or a priority or focus school identified under the Title I Flexibility Waiver.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

For 2012-13, up to \$200,000 will be available for schoolwide grants. Each school building that meets the current criteria will receive an award \$3,000.

STATUTE

ESEA Section 1114 (a) Use of Funds for Schoolwide Programs. "(1) A local education agency may consolidate and use funds under this part, together with other Federal, State, and local funds, in order to upgrade the entire educational program of a school that serves an eligible school attendance area in which not less than 40 percent of the children are from low-income families, or not less than 40 percent of the children enrolled in the school are from such families."

ESEA Flexibility-Frequently Asked Questions #B-17: "However, if a priority or focus school is operating a targeted assistance program, the LEA may wish to convert the school to a schoolwide program in order to carry out whole-school interventions. Accordingly, under this flexibility, an SEA may permit an LEA to operate a schoolwide program in any Title I school in the LEA that the SEA has identified as a priority or focus school and that is a school in which the LEA is implementing interventions aligned with the turnaround principles or an intervention that is based on the need of the students in the school designed to enhance the entire educational programs in that school, as appropriate."

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