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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2016

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

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents A Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals

The 2017 State School Aid Act includes a pilot project that is intended to improve daily nutrition and eating habits for school children in by assisting in paying for the costs incurred by districts located in Prosperity Regions 2 and 4. Grant funds will be used to purchase or increase purchases of whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes grown in this state. Awarded districts will be reimbursed up to 10 cents for every school lunch that was served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program within 2015-2016 School Year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents A Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016.

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Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents A Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals

The State Board of Education has adopted guiding principles and strategic goals for developing Michigan into a top 10 education state in 10 years.

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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC GOALS THIS CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the guiding principles and strategic goals of the State Board of Education (SBE) and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in alignment with goals four and five by improving daily nutrition and eating habits for school children.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- New Continuing Formula
 Competitive Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

This grant will assist in paying for the costs incurred by an awarded district to purchase or increase purchases of whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes grown in this state. The goals of the pilot project include improving daily nutrition and eating habits for children through the school settings while investing in Michigan's agricultural and related food business economy.

A district that receives a grant will be reimbursed an amount not to exceed 10 cents for every school lunch that uses Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes and that was served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program within 2015-2016 School Year.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: n/a

Source of Criteria:

- A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation C. Proposed by Staff
 B. State Law or Rules D. Defined in MDE's Approved
Grant Proposal to the Funder

The criteria upon which grantees will be selected are the following:

- The applicant will use grant funds to purchase whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes that are grown in this state and, if minimally processed, are also processed in this state.
- Products will be used for lunches that are served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program.
- The applicant demonstrates the ability to:
 - Procure Michigan-grown products.
 - Prepare and menu Michigan-grown products.
 - Promote and market Michigan-grown products.
 - Submit a letter of intent on plans for educational activities that promote the goals of the program.
- MDE will give preference to districts that propose educational activities that meet one or more of the following: promote healthy food activities; have clear educational objectives; involve parents or the community; and connect to a school's farm-to-school procurement activities.
- MDE will also consider all of the following: the percentage of children who qualify for free or reduced price school meals under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769; the variety of school sizes and geographic locations within the identified prosperity regions; and existing or future collaboration opportunities between more than one district in a prosperity region.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Eligible applicants are school food authorities located in districts in Prosperity Regions 2 and 4.

The target population is school children in Prosperity Regions 2 and 4.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 250,000 for use in School Year 2016-2017

STATUTE

State School Aid Act, Section 31j

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