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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 26, 2016  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Criteria for the ESSA Regional ISD Partnership Grant

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to provide technical assistance, oversight, and monitoring to ensure accountability provisions are fully implemented. The Office of Field Services (OFS) receives federal program funds to administer, monitor and implement programs that improve the achievement of students most in need of supplementary assistance. Every three years a similar grant is awarded. This partnership grant program expands the state's capacity for compliance with legislation requirements and enhances the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to assist local districts. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will partner with one ISD in Michigan as a single fiscal intermediary for the Office of Field Services. The partnership program has one main area:

**Expansion of compliance monitoring, instructional and school improvement tool dissemination, technical assistance, and professional development**

The partnership program will allow MDE to more effectively utilize existing state and federal funds to fulfill the federal requirements and state-wide initiatives.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the ESSA Regional ISD Partnership Grant as identified in the attachment to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 26, 2016.

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# MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Criteria for ESSA Regional ISD Partnership Grant

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**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to provide technical assistance, oversight, and monitoring to ensure accountability provisions are fully implemented. The Office of Field Services (OFS) receives federal program funds to administer, monitor, and implement programs that improve the achievement of students most in need of supplementary assistance by following the strategic goals for developing Michigan into a top 10 education state in 10 years.

### **PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing                       Formula  
 Competitive                       Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

Three years ago a similar grant was awarded. This partnership grant program will expand the state's capacity for compliance with legislation requirements and will enhance the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to assist local districts. The agency will be awarded an estimated amount of \$500,000 to fulfill federal requirements and state-wide initiatives. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will partner with one ISD in Michigan as a single fiscal intermediary.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: April 9, 2013  
*(you can find this date in an SBE agenda or minutes; if new grant, type "n/a")*

Source of Criteria: *(double-click and check all that apply)*

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

Promote the expansion of compliance monitoring, instructional and school improvement tool dissemination, technical assistance, and professional development:

1. The agency may charge MDE reasonable and customary indirect and administrative fees for this item.
2. The agency must be able to provide necessary internal controls, procedures and documentation to comply with federal and state fiscal and program standards, guidelines and policies.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

The eligible applicant must be an ISD within Michigan. The target population includes students who are considered high-risk (Title I, Part A eligible).

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$500,000 per year

**STATUTE**

Every Student Succeeds Act, General Applicability of State Education Agency Assurances: Section 8304(a)(3)(A)(B)(C).

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