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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2015
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 
SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Criteria for Civics Education

From the appropriation made under Section 99c of the FY 2015 State Aid Act, \$60,000 has been appropriated for the establishment of a competitive grant process to award to one provider for the delivery of programs that exemplify best practices in civic education.

Criteria have been proposed by staff in addition to those defined in statute.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Grant Criteria for Civics Education as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated August 25, 2015.

Attachment

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Grant Criteria for Civics Education

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

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

SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the mission of Michigan Department of Education (MDE) that all students graduate ready for careers, college, and community.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- New Continuing Formula
 Competitive Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

Section 99c of the FY 2015 State School Aid Act provides for the establishment of a competitive grant process to award \$60,000 to one provider for the delivery of programs that exemplify best practices in civic education.

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

One grantee will be selected that can meet the following criteria:

Defined in Statute:

- Provide programs that exemplify best practices in civic education.
- Provide programs that teach upper elementary, middle, and high school pupils how to participate responsibly in local and state government.
- Provide upper elementary, middle, and high school pupils with an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of United States constitutional democracy.
- Provide support to all schools in the state through its website, conduct presentations at statewide conferences, and conduct presentations at local districts and intermediate districts.

Proposed by Staff:

- Provide targeted intensive support in implementation of the program for a select set of schools that have high economically disadvantaged populations.
- Address the appropriate Michigan content expectations for grades 5-12.
- Incorporate the four Dimensions of the Inquiry Arc as described in the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework.
- Develop a digital badge to award to students who successfully complete the program.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Eligible applicants are civic education providers.

The target population to be served are students from all districts and especially those who are economically disadvantaged.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$60,000 for FY 2015-2016

STATUTE

P.A. 85 of 2015, School Aid, Section 99c

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