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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Section 99s(2) and (3) – Michigan Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (MiSTEM) Advisory Council Grants

From the appropriation made under Section 99s(2) and 93) in the fiscal year 2016 State Aid Act, \$1,000,000 has been appropriated to fund grants recommended by the MiSTEM Advisory Council for highly rated STEM programs in Michigan. The Council will make specific funding recommendations by December 15 of each fiscal year for individual awards up to \$250,000.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Section 99s(2) and (3) - MiSTEM Advisory Council Grants as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated November 1, 2016.

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Criteria for Section 99s(2) and (3) - MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant Criteria

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 Michigan Department of Education (MDE)'s Top 10 in 10 Years by supporting and coordinating opportunities for every student in Michigan to engage in integrated STEM programming, specifically for Strategic Goal 2.6, which states: Ensure that all students within the P-12 system are able to engage in a well-rounded learning experience.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- New Continuing Formula
 Competitive Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

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CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: _____ N/A _____

Source of Criteria:

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

Grant funding is based on the following requirements:

Defined in Statute:

- Preferred STEM programs will be determined by the MiSTEM advisory council based on objective criteria.
- By October 15 of each year, the MiSTEM advisory council provides STEM quality ratings for programs recommended for funding.

- By December 15 of each year, specific funding recommendations are made by the MiSTEM advisory council. The maximum amount for each grant is \$250,000.
- If the MiSTEM advisory council is unable to make specific funding recommendations by December 15, the MDE will distribute the funds on a competitive grant basis that at least follows the quality guidelines and priority areas recommended by the MiSTEM advisory council. Each grant shall not exceed \$250,000 and must provide STEM education-related opportunities for pupils.

Proposed by Staff:

- Programs recommended for funding must appear on the Change the Equation STEMworks database and rated as either accomplished or promising according to the STEMworks or Michigan-modified STEMworks rating system.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Eligible applicants are entities providing STEM educational programs that are highly rated, as determined by the MiSTEM advisory council.

The target population is students from public schools across the state of Michigan.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$1,000,000

STATUTE

Public Act 249 of 2016

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