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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 1, 2016

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

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

The 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. A prosperity region will reimburse awarded districts up to 10 cents for every school lunch served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the amended Criteria for Michigan 10 Cents a Meal Support of Local Produce in School Meals, as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated November 1, 2016.

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## MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### 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

A grant will be provided to a prosperity region to conduct a pilot project with the goal of improving daily nutrition and eating habits for children through the school settings while investing in Michigan's agricultural and related food business economy.

The prosperity region will reimburse eligible regional school food authorities to assist in paying for 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 MDE has conducted a competitive grant process, pursuant to legislation and competitive grant criteria, and has selected districts for awards conditional on submitting data to the prosperity region.

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.

**CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: August 9, 2016

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

Grant funding is based on the following requirements:

- Collect and compile information from awarded districts prescribed in legislation, including quantities, costs, and sources of purchased produce, meals served and menus.
- Develop and implement an online survey to awarded districts.
- Provide a report that shows the percentage relationship of Michigan spending compared to total food spending.
- Not later than March 1, 2017, the prosperity region office shall submit a report to the MDE on expected outcomes and related measurements for economic development and children's nutrition and readiness to learn based on progress.
- Funding retained by the prosperity regions for administration of the project shall not exceed \$25,000 (10% of total funding).

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Prosperity Regions 2 and 4.

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

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$ 250,000

**STATUTE**

State School Aid Act, Section 31j

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