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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Allocation Formula for The Emergency Food Assistance Program

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) household commodity program which provides supplemental food to local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and the Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) members. They in turn, distribute the food to over 1 million households, pantries and congregate feeding sites. MDE has administered this program since the early 1980s as a result of our established relationship with the USDA to provide commodities for the National School Lunch Program. In FY 2006, Michigan received over \$7.7 million in entitlement and bonus foods and approximately \$2 million in administrative funds for the program. Less than 2% of the administrative funding was retained by MDE.

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An equitable formula is being proposed for the allocation of USDA commodities and administrative funding.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Allocation Formula for The Emergency Food Assistance Program as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 26, 2007.

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Criteria for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

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

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant program advances two of the State Board of Education's strategic goal objectives of (1) identify and support practices, systems and programs that sustain the social, mental, physical and emotional growth of all students; and (2) assure the efficient and effective implementation of federal and state programs.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation (*check all that apply*)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) household commodity program which provides supplemental food to local Community Action Agencies (CAAs), Wayne County Nutrition Services (WCNS), and the Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) members. They in turn, distribute the food to over 1 million households, pantries and congregate feeding sites. MDE has administered this program since the early 1980s as a result of our established relationship with the USDA to provide commodities for the National School Lunch Program. In FY 2006, Michigan received over \$7.7 million in entitlement and bonus foods and approximately \$2 million in administrative funds for the program. Less than 2% of the administrative funding was retained by MDE.

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CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved new .

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

The new formula will allocate:

- A flat percentage (20% proposed) of the administrative dollars for MDE's administrative expenses and the FBCM.
- A base administrative dollar amount (\$10,000 proposed) to each CAA and WCNS.
- The remaining funds to CAAs and WCNS based on each agencies' share, utilizing the 60/40** formula. This allocation would be phased in over several years to allow agencies to make the necessary accommodations to their distribution procedure.

**Weighted index: 60% of average number of persons below poverty
40% of average number of persons unemployed

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Community Action Agencies, Wayne County Nutrition Services, and the Food Bank Council of Michigan members are eligible applicants. The target population is low income households and households in emergency situations.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Over \$4 million in USDA commodity entitlement food and \$2 million in USDA administrative funding is anticipated for FY 2008.

LEGISLATION

In 1983, the Emergency Food Assistance Act was passed which allowed for the distribution of surplus commodities to supplement the diets of low-income Americans. Subsequent legislation provided guaranteed funding for food purchases and limited dollars for the administration of the program. It also further defined eligible recipient agencies to include food banks, pantries, and congregate feeding sites as well as CAAs.

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