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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 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) household commodity program that provides supplemental food to local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and the Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) members. These agencies distribute the food to over 1 million households, pantries, and congregate feeding sites. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has administered this program since the early 1980s. In FY 2010, Michigan received over \$21 million in entitlement and bonus foods and approximately \$2.7 million in administrative funds for the program. Less than 2% of the administrative funding was retained by MDE.

The formula proposed for the equitable allocation of USDA Foods (commodities) and administrative funding remains the same as was previously approved by the State Board of Education.

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 11, 2011.

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Criteria for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Significant and meaningful improvement in the academic performance of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant program supports 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 well 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*)

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CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved 4/10/2007.

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

The formula will allocate:

- A flat percentage rate of 20% of the administrative dollars for MDE's administrative expenses and the FBCM.
- A base administrative dollar amount of \$10,000 to each CAA.
- The remaining funds to CAAs based on each agency's share, utilizing the 60/40 formula**.

**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 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 \$9 million in USDA commodity entitlement food and \$2 million in USDA administrative funding is anticipated for FY 2012.

STATUTE

In 1983, the Emergency Food Assistance Act was passed and allowed for the distribution of surplus USDA Foods (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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