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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Central Assessment Lending Library

Each year in the State School Aid Act, the Michigan Legislature appropriates approximately \$18,000,000 for grants designated to specific entities for specific purposes. The Central Assessment Lending Library is one of these grants. While the Public Act number of the State School Aid Act changes yearly, the section number for each of the legislatively designated grants generally remains the same.

The recipient of each legislatively designated grant must honor the purpose of the grant as written in the legislation. It must also provide documentation of this to the Michigan Department of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Central Assessment Lending Library, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 2, 2009.

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Criteria for Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act

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, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

**PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

The legislatively designated grants in the State School Aid Act, to the extent possible, serve to attain the above Strategic Goal.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

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

Every year the Michigan Legislature appropriates millions of dollars in legislatively designated grants to specific entities via the State School Aid Act. These grants are designated to specific entities for specific purposes. In May and September of 2008, the State Board of Education approved criteria for an initial group of legislatively designated grants. Criteria for an additional grant are being presented for Board action at this time.

**CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved     n/a    

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

The following is the title, the amount, the designated recipient, and the purpose of the grant.

**Sec. 54a Central Assessment Lending Library - \$100,000**

To support the lending library located at Central Michigan University from which districts and intermediate districts can borrow assessment materials designed specifically for children with severe loss of vision or hearing, severe cognitive or motor disabilities, or multiple disabilities and for children who require the most specialized types of psychological and educational assessment.

Designated Recipient: Central Michigan University

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

The eligible applicant is designated in the legislation.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The amount of available funding for 2008-2009 is estimated to be \$100,000.

**LEGISLATION**

This legislatively designated grant is appropriated annually in the State School Aid Act. While the Public Act number of the State School Aid Act changes yearly, the section number for the grant generally remains the same.

**OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT**

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