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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Title I Statewide System of Support Technical Assistance Grant

Federal legislation requires each state to establish a statewide system of support for local agencies and schools receiving Title I funds, to increase the opportunity for all students to meet the state's academic content and achievement standards. The Michigan Statewide System of Support (SSOS), developed through the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, is operationalized through various component partnerships. The Title I Technical Assistance Grant provides fiduciary services for coordination of the component partnerships.

The grant awarded by the state will be based upon criteria, standards, and weighting identified within the Request for Proposal. Each proposal will be considered as a whole solution, without limitation, including all services proposed, qualifications of the vendor and any subcontractor, and cost.

The grantee will comply with all applicable requirements of all state statutes, federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies and award conditions governing this program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Title I Statewide System of Support Technical Assistance Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 23, 2009.

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**Criteria for Title I Statewide System of Support Technical Assistance Grant**

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**

2008-09 Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Strategic Plan Approved August 12, 2008.

**PRIORITIES**

Continue to reimagine the pre-k-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the State Board of Education's expectation for student achievement.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

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

The purpose of this grant is to coordinate the multiple components of the Michigan Statewide System of Support for Title I, High Priority Schools. Vendor services will be procured for fiduciary responsibilities.

The Statewide System of Support provides:

1. Technical assistance to High Priority, Title I Schools
2. Cohesive activities with other state and federal initiatives
3. Alignment of resources with best practice

**CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: October 11, 2005

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

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Fiduciary responsibilities include:

- Fiscal management of programming, sub-grants, and contracts associated with the Michigan Statewide System of Support. Programming components include, but are not limited to: Audits, Process Mentors, Principals' Fellowship, and Coaches' Institute.
- Communications coordination
- Event/meeting support

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

Any Michigan Intermediate School District (ISD), Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), consortia of ISDs/RESAs, and organizations representing ISDs/RESAs .

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Approximately \$6.2 million

**LEGISLATION**

FEDERAL

Section 1117 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

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