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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 27, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian Whiston, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Section 22g(3) – District/ISD Consolidation Grant

The Section 22g(3) – District/ISD Consolidation Grant was authorized in Public Act 249 of 2016 as a grant that will be awarded to districts and intermediate districts that (1) received a grant under this section as it was in effect for 2015-16 and (2) that had a dissolution, consolidation, or annexation approved during 2015-16 by the school electors of the applicable district or intermediate district, and (3) that have remaining transition costs associated with the project.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Section 22g(3) - District/ISD Consolidation Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memo dated September 27, 2016.

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## MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Criteria for Section 22g(3) – District/ISD Consolidation Grant

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 goals of the State Board of Education (SBE) and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by encouraging and supporting the dissolution, consolidation, or annexation of educational entities, and promoting a more effective and efficient statewide school organization plan. This will free up other available educational resources to help Michigan become a top 10 education state in 10 years.

### **PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing               Formula  
 Competitive               Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

The State Legislature appropriated \$2,500,000 for grants to districts and intermediate districts under the 2016-17 State School Aid Act that received a grant under this section as it was in effect for 2015-2016. The funds are to be used for the reimbursement of remaining transition costs associated with the dissolution, consolidation, or annexation of districts or intermediate districts that was approved during 2015-2016 by the school electors of the applicable district or intermediate district.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Criteria:

- Federal Law, Rules or Regulation               Proposed by Staff  
 State Law or Rules                                       Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

Applications will be score based on the following components:

- Grant funds will be used for reimbursement of remaining transition costs associated with the dissolution, consolidation, or annexation of districts or

intermediate districts as approved during 2015-2016 by the school electors of the applicable district or intermediate district (defined in statute).

- Districts may spend funds allocated under this section over 3 fiscal years (defined in statute).
- Well-defined transition costs and completion time frame (proposed by staff).
- Significant financial/operational benefits and efficiencies (proposed by staff).
- Resulting academic benefits for all students affected by dissolution, consolidation or annexation (proposed by staff).

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Eligible applicants are districts and intermediate districts that (1) received a grant under this section as it was in effect for 2015-16 and (2) that had a dissolution, consolidation, or annexation approved during 2015-16 by the school electors of the applicable district or intermediate district, and (3) that have remaining transition costs associated with the project.

### **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$2,500,000

### **STATUTE**

Section 22g(3) of Public Act 249 of 2016, State School Aid

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