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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants Facilitators/Monitors

Persistently Low Achieving schools (PLAs) that received ARRA Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants (SIG) are required to implement one of four rigorous intervention models. The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) approved Federal SIG application requires every PLA school grantee to have a facilitator/monitor assigned to the building. The facilitator/monitor is responsible for ensuring the selected intervention model is being implemented with fidelity and in accordance with the approved plan. The facilitator/monitor also provides technical assistance and guidance to the PLA in achieving its goals.

For this reason, it is proposed that a portion of the SIG funds be granted through a competitive process to an entity that will identify, train, and place the facilitator/monitors in the PLAs.

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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003 (g) School Improvement Grants Facilitators/Monitors as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2011.

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**Criteria for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section
1003(g) School Improvement Grants (SIG) Facilitators/Monitors**

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**

The 2010-11 Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Goal and Priorities approved September 14, 2010, which state:

“Significant and meaningful improvement in the academic performance of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving (PLA) schools and students.”

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

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

The purpose of the ARRA Section 1003(g) SIG facilitators/monitors is to ensure the grantee school’s selected intervention model is being implemented with fidelity and in accordance with the approved plan. The facilitator/monitor also provides technical assistance and guidance to the PLA in achieving its goals.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: N/A New Criteria

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

In order to receive the Michigan School Improvement Grant—Facilitators/Monitors, an LEA must meet the following criteria:

- Apply for and use grant funds only for eligible schools.
- Provide evidence that the applicant can select, monitor, and supervise facilitator/monitors.
- Provide guidance and professional development for facilitator/monitors.

- Provide evidence that the grantee meets all federal requirements.
- Employ policies and practices, if necessary, to fully and effectively implement a monitoring program.
- Ensure that collaboration will occur with the Michigan Department of Education in implementing this grant

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants are any Michigan Intermediate School District (ISD), Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), consortia of ISDs/RESAs, institute of higher education, and organizations representing ISDs/RESAs. The population to be served are the PLA Title I schools that received an ARRA Section 1003(g) SIG.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount currently available is \$2,500,000.00.

STATUTE

ARRA Title I, Part A, Section 1003 School Improvement.

PROPOSED BY STAFF

The successful applicant will propose a system to identify, hire, and place SIG facilitators/monitors in the PLAs receiving a SIG.

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