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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Section 95a and Section 115 for Educator Evaluation Research and Evaluation Activities

Sections 95a and 115 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 State Aid Act, appropriated \$1,900,000 to support research and evaluation activities designed to improve the implementation of educator evaluations in Michigan.

Section 95a of the FY 2015 State School Aid Act establishes the Educator Evaluation Reserve Fund for the implementation of educator evaluation systems for public school teachers and school administrators. Section 115 of the FY 2016 Department of Education budget provides funding for educator evaluations and assessments.

With the adoption of PA 173 of 2015, a portion of these funds will be used for research and evaluation activities that identify best practices and barriers to implementation in educator evaluation implementation to inform and target future supports; to pilot and evaluate the measurement of student growth using alternative methods specified in PA 173 of 2015; and to pilot various other components of educator evaluations, including the use of surveys incorporating parent, student, and teacher feedback.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Section 95a and Section 115 for Educator Evaluation Research and Evaluation Activities as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated February 23, 2016.

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Criteria for Section 95a and Section 115 for Educator Evaluation Research and Evaluation Activities

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the SBE's mission and the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Priority 3 to increase the number of children in appropriate high quality early learning and development programs, by focusing on developing, supporting, and sustaining a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- New Continuing Formula
 Competitive Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

The purpose of this grant program is to support research and evaluation activities designed to improve the implementation of educator evaluations in Michigan. Section 95a of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 State School Aid Act establishes the Educator Evaluation Reserve Fund for the implementation of educator evaluation systems for public school teachers and school administrators. Section 115 of the FY 2016 Department of Education budget provides funding for educator evaluations and assessments. With the adoption of PA 173 of 2015, a portion of these funds will be used for research and evaluation activities that identify best practices and barriers to implementation in educator evaluation implementation to inform and target future supports; to pilot and evaluate the measurement of student growth using alternative methods specified in PA 173 of 2015; and to pilot various other components of educator evaluations, including the use of surveys incorporating parent, student, and teacher feedback.

The MDE will award one grant to a local school district (LEA) or intermediate school district (ISD) that will act as the fiscal agent and developer and administrator of subgrant(s) to additional entities for the purposes of these sections.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: _____ N/A _____

Source of Criteria:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Proposed by Staff |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. State Law or Rules | <input type="checkbox"/> D. Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder |

Defined in Statute:

Section 95a of the State School Aid Act does not provide specific criteria for the grant programs to be funded by the Educator Evaluation Reserve Fund.

Proposed by Staff:

One grantee will be selected that can meet the following criteria:

- Work with the MDE to define the research agenda necessary to support the implementation of a high-quality system of educator evaluations in Michigan.
- Submit funding recommendations including the recommended amount of the subgrant awards to the MDE for approval.
- Meet the MDE-defined schedule of deliverables to achieve the grant objectives.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Eligible applicants are LEAs or ISDs that meet the above criteria.

The target population to be served is educators, evaluators, and observers in all districts.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$1,900,000

STATUTE

P.A. 85 of 2015, School Aid, Section 95a
P.A. 84 of 2015 Article VI, Section 115

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT / PROGRAM CONTACT

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