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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant

The Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant was authorized in Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL 388.1622G) signed into state law on June 27, 2012. The Consolidation of Operations and/or Services Grant is a competitive grant that will be awarded to public schools for transitional costs associated with the consolidation of entities, operations and/or services between two or more public school districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant program as described in the Superintendent's Memorandum dated July 23, 2012.

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Criteria for the Consolidation of Operations and Services Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Continue developing an effective and equitable performance-based system that achieves academic growth and successful outcomes for all students."

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

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant program supports the following State Board of Education priorities, policies, and programs: This grant will be used to support the consolidation of educational entities and administrative functions creating a more effective and efficient statewide provision of administrative support. This will free up other available educational resources to support all of the State Board of Education priorities, policies, and programs.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND OF GRANT

X Competitive Formula **X** New Continuation

The State Legislature appropriated \$10 million for the Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant under the 2012-13 State School Aid Act, PA 201 of 2012 (MCL 388,1622g). The funds are to be used for reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local unit of government or the consolidation of districts or intermediate districts. Grant funding shall be available for consolidations that occur on or after June 1, 2012.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved N/A

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

Funds will be awarded to districts and intermediate districts after a competitive grant application process. Funds received under this section may be used for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government or the consolidation of districts or intermediate districts. Grants will be awarded based on the districts meeting criteria one or two and criteria three and four below:

1. Consolidation of two or more public school districts or intermediate school districts
2. Consolidation of functions or services across two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government
3. Well defined cost savings, efficiencies, and educational system benefits
4. Completion Timeframe well defined

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Michigan Public School Districts including Local Education Agencies, Intermediate School Districts, and Public School Academies.

A district or intermediate district is not eligible to receive funding under this section if the district or intermediate district receives a grant from the competitive grant assistance program in the Department of Treasury appropriations for 2012-13 under Section 951 of Senate Bill number 954 of the 96th legislature.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$10,000,000

STATUTE

Michigan Public Act 201 of 2012 (MCL 388.1622G)

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