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MEMORANDUM

TO: 2010-11 Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs and McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant Main Contacts and Authorized Officials in MEGS
2010-11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant Coordinators and Project Contacts

FROM: Michael W. Radke, Director 
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SUBJECT: Title I and Homeless Coordination

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is required under Title I, Part A, Section 1112(a)(1) and Title X, Part C, Sections 722(g)(4)(B); 723(d)(2) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to coordinate services to homeless students and to ensure that the homeless services are comparable between Title I and non-Title I schools. The final report from the visit by the Student Achievement and School Accountability (SASA) Office with the U.S. Department of Education (USED) identified several steps that MDE must implement to ensure compliance with the Title I and McKinney-Vento legislative mandates. Those steps are as follows:

- *USED requires MDE to provide written guidance to Title I coordinators and district homeless liaisons concerning the need for close coordination in determining suitable reservations of funds for homeless students from Title I, Part A.*
- *Furthermore, in its approval of Local Educational Agency (LEA) applications, MDE must ensure that every LEA has described how services for homeless will be coordinated and integrated with the Title I, Part A program. It must submit to USED evidence that this description is part of the application review process.*

To meet these requirements, MDE has developed two documents that must be used for planning and coordination purposes for the 2011-12 Consolidated Application cycle. The documents are attached to this memo and are also posted on the Field Services website: www.michigan.gov/homeless.

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I. Title I and Homeless – Coordination Between Title I Legislation and McKinney-Vento

This Question and Answer document is MDE's guidance to the LEA to coordinate services between Title I and McKinney-Vento. It is expected that the LEA Title I Coordinator and the LEA Homeless Liaison become familiar with the contents of this document prior to coordinating and planning services for homeless students.

II. Homeless Template

All LEAs MUST complete and attach the template to the 2011-12 Consolidated Application. It is expected that the LEA Title I Coordinator and the LEA Homeless Liaison work together to complete the template.

If the LEA Title I Coordinator and the LEA Homeless Liaison are the same person, it is expected that additional stakeholders will assist with the coordination and planning for homeless students.

Regional workshops scheduled for this spring will provide additional explanation of these documents. If you have specific questions regarding Title I and homeless concerns during your planning and coordination of services to homeless students, contact your Field Service Consultant.