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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public School Academy Administrators, Public School Academy Authorizers, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Mark Eitrem
Public School Academy Program
Office of Education Improvement & Innovation

SUBJECT: Informational meeting to learn more about the 2011-2013 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the availability of the 2011-2013 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant. The program is supported under Title V, Part B, Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP), No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The MDE expects to receive from the United States Department of Education (USED) a grant award of **\$16,705,209** for use during the 2011-2013 school year to strengthen the pool of charter school developers in Michigan.

- 1) **New public school academies opening Fall 2012** will be invited to compete for twelve-month implementation grants. The competitive grant awards may be approved for up to \$200,000. Successful completion of the competitive grant qualifies this new public school academy to apply for a second year implementation grant in the amount of \$200,000.
- 2) **Earlier stage (Public School Academy) PSA developers planning for a Fall 2012 or Fall 2013 opening** may be eligible to compete for eighteen-month planning grants. These competitive grant awards may also be approved for up to \$110,000 in planning expenses, and successful completion of the planning grant, along with acquisition of a charter, will qualify the PSA to apply for further first and second year implementation funding of at least \$200,000 annually.

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Applications for the 2011-2013 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant Program funding are posted on the MDE's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/charters>. The applications will be available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+)*.

A public meeting has been scheduled for applicants to learn more about the Charter School Grant and application process. The meeting has been scheduled for the following location, date and time:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Wayne RESA
Annex Auditorium
5454 Venoy Rd.
Wayne, MI 48184**

- **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

To reserve a place at the meeting, please send an email to mdepsagrant@michigan.gov by the end of the business day Friday, March 16, 2012. Please provide your name, organization or school name, contact telephone number, number of people planning to attend (and their names).