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TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Administrators, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Youth Wellness Initiative Mini-Grant Application

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the Michigan Team Nutrition's Youth Wellness Initiative Mini-Grant opportunity. This is a competitive grant program targeting schools participating in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National School Lunch Program and serving at least one of the following grade levels: 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8. We encourage schools in your district to apply. **The application deadline is April 20, 2009.**

These grants will assist food service directors/managers in schools to partner with teachers, administrators, and students to improve their school's health environment by engaging youth and adopting campus-wide nutrition standards. Up to 50 grant recipients will receive funding, each up to \$2000.

To Apply

All applicants must submit an application using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS):

- Complete your application online using MEGS at <http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs>. Note: only a MEGS Authorized Official (Level 5) may initiate the Youth Wellness Initiative application in MEGS.
- To find out whom your MEGS Authorized Official (Level 5) is, please contact Tina Ray at 517-373-1806 or ask your district office.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to Lisa Brown-Taylor at 517-241-3885.

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