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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Education for Homeless Children and Youth
2009-2011 Grant Application

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant application for the **2009-2011** school years. These grants are funded under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act*, Title X, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Additional funds will be available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), for the 27-month period from July 1, 2009, through September 30, 2011. Funds through the ARRA are eligible for use for each fiscal year. Carryover and Maintenance of Effort provisions do not apply to McKinney-Vento ARRA funding. The grant cycle has been changed to a two-year time period, rather than the three-year period in previous cycles, to align with the ARRA funding.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth will be awarded on a competitive basis to local school districts, intermediate school districts, public school academies, and consortia of these following the formula outlined in the criteria approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in February 2009:

- i. A base amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving 50 or more homeless students (as reported in the Single Record Student Database [SRSD] for the 2007-08 school year).
- ii. A base amount of \$20,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving 100 or more homeless students (as reported in the SRSD for the 2007-08 school year).
- iii. A base amount of \$30,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving 200 or more homeless students (as reported in the SRSD for the 2007-08 school year).

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- iv. In addition to the base grant, a per-pupil amount will be granted, based on the number of students reported as served in the SRSD for the most recently completed school year.

The MDE will award grants to eligible applicants on the basis of meeting the purpose of the McKinney-Vento Act, need for the grant, documented collaboration with other community agencies and/or school districts to coordinate services to homeless children and youth, effective use of funds, ability to meet identified needs, and timely and accurate reporting of homeless students.

The 2009-2011 EHCY Grants will take on two forms:

1. Projects among LEAs/PSAs/ISDs to serve underserved or unserved areas of the state (no prior EHCY grant projects), with priority given to consortia projects and those focusing on academic achievement of homeless students.
2. Regional projects to address and promote:
 - Parent/family involvement and engagement in education among homeless families,
 - Technical assistance for LEAs/PSAs/ISDs in facilitating the enrollment, attendance, participation, and academic success of homeless children and youth (needs determined by results of the McKinney-Vento School District Self-Assessment, Part I).

EHCY grant applications must be completed through the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). Technical assistance and grant application training will be provided via webinar and workshops to assist districts and consortia in completing the application. The deadline for the submission of the 2009-2011 grant application is 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2009. Details and scheduling for the webinar and workshops, as well as grant criteria, are posted at the MDE Homeless Education website: www.michigan.gov/homeless under *Grant Information*.

If you have any questions about the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant or the training, please contact Pam Kies-Lowe, Homeless Education Consultant, in the Office of School Improvement at 517-241-1162 or email at kies-lowep@michigan.gov.