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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Principal/Assistant Principal Training Programs for Conducting
Educator Evaluations Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the opening of the grant application window for the Principal/Assistant Principal Training Programs for Conducting Educator Evaluations competitive grant opportunity. These funds are available for districts that elect one of the MDE-approved educator evaluation programs for their principals and assistant principals to attend or complete. The goal of this grant is to provide professional development for principals and assistant principals on conducting educator evaluations.

The MDE has pre-approved training programs/providers that utilize the four observation tools recommended by the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness (MCEE) in addition to those approved in the prior years this grant was offered. If your principals/assistant principals have received training during the 2014-15 school year, or are planning to receive training during the 2015-16 school year through a program/provider in the descriptions document linked below, your principals and assistant principals are eligible for this grant opportunity.

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The MDE-approved training providers/programs are available at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Approved_Program_Descriptions_449505_7.pdf for the district grant funds. The grant applications are available through the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) at: <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/> to level 5 authorized MEGS+ users.

Grant applications will be available through **September 15, 2015** in MEGS+ and district applications will be subsequently reviewed and notified following this grant application deadline. The MDE will award districts funding for principals and assistant principals submitted in their MEGS+ grant application (\$350 per eligible principal/assistant principal). Only one grant application is allowed to be submitted for each district, however, multiple principals and assistant principals can be submitted in a single application. For instructions on how to apply for this grant, please review the instructions for applying at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MEGSPlusInstructions_493637_7.pdf.

For more information about the MDE-approved training programs, including regulations, detailed personnel eligibility, instructions, and other important information related to this grant opportunity, please visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/educatorevaluations>.

If you have further questions regarding MEGS+ or the application process, please contact MDE.

cc: District MEGS+ Authorized User
Michigan Education Alliance