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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natasha Baker *NBaker*
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) Transition to
Cash Management System (CMS)

On February 5, 2015, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the 2014-15 TRIG-District Participation awards which distributed funds to 579 districts across Michigan. Districts received \$10 per their full-time equivalency (FTE) pupil count. The 2014-15 TRIG-District Participation awards are state aid funds that have been allocated via the CMS. The MDE chose to utilize the CMS versus the State Aid Management System (SAMS) this year to provide benefits to the districts such as accessing funds more timely and in lump sums. There are also added benefits to the MDE, such as accessing more timely data for reporting requirements and the ability to provide technical assistance to districts regarding spending.

These funds are restricted state aid dollars and should be recorded as grant code 210 per the 1022 Manual. The state aid line is 22i. These funds can be spent on:

- Online/Digital Assessment, including universal diagnostic screening tools,
- In-building wireless connectivity,
- Network services (e.g. additional bandwidth, content filtering),
- Computer/device purchasing,
- Technology readiness for instruction and data collaborations that support online assessment readiness.

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All grantees are required to request funds as needed, to reimburse for expenditures incurred by the program. Requests for funds can be made by selecting "Requesting Funds for a Project" in the CMS at <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/cms/>. Payments are typically processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays pending any exceptions such as holidays. These exceptions will be announced in the CMS.

A final expenditure report will be required within 60 days of the grant ending date, showing all bills paid in full. The expenditure period for the 2014-15 TRIG-District Participation is from October 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016, and can be found on the Grant Award Notification generated in the Michigan Electronic Grants System *Plus* (MEGS+).

For more information on the 2014-15 TRIG District-Participation awards, please contact Amanda Stoel at Stoela@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance