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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant Request for
Proposal (RFP) Instructions

The Michigan Legislature has provided another \$41.5 million in Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) funds in 2014-2015 to assist public school districts, public school academies (districts), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) develop or improve technology infrastructure in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments. In an effort to streamline the application process, the TRIG has been divided into three categories: District Participation, Consortium Leadership, and Statewide Activities.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites districts and ISDs to apply for the competitive TRIG District Participation category. Continuation grants will be available for the current fiscal agents of the Consortium Leadership and Statewide Activities categories. The RFP Instructions are available for viewing at <http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/>.

The eligibility requirements for districts to participate include:

- Individual districts and ISDs must demonstrate need by completing the Michigan Technology Readiness Assessment tool (MTRAx) by November 14, 2014.
- Individual districts and ISDs must agree to complete an updated technology readiness planning process designated by the department by June 30, 2015.
- For an ISD to be eligible, the ISD must demonstrate that funds awarded on behalf of constituent districts will enable cost savings.
- Added consideration will be given to applicants that propose external partnerships and articulate plans for sustainability beyond grant funding.

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District Participation allows all districts and ISDs to participate and receive funding. The MDE has allocated approximately \$15 million for District Participation. Every district that meets eligibility and participation requirements qualifies to receive **\$10/enrolled pupil** based on the Fall 2014 Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) count.

District Participation applications will be available in MEGS+ on October 1, 2014 and are due on or before November 14, 2014.

In year three, existing consortiums must apply for continuation. Consortia leads will receive an award of at least \$120,000 plus an additional \$0.50/per pupil enrolled in districts and ISDs participating in the consortia.

Consortium Leadership applications will be available in MEGS+ on October 15, 2014 and are due on or before November 14, 2014.

Current consortia leads must also apply for continuation to lead the statewide activities designed to accomplish the purpose of the grant. Continuation Statewide Activity applications will propose a means by which they will carry out and build upon current work.

Statewide Activity applications will be available in MEGS+ on November 7, 2014 and are due on or before December 5, 2014.

For more information regarding the 2014-15 TRIG RFP instructions, please contact Amanda Stoel at stoela@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance