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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2018

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: UPDATE - Section 104e-Assessment of Digital Literacy Pilot Project Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of the Section 104e-Assessment of Digital Literacy Pilot Project Grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide a digital literacy preparation pilot project for pupils in grades kindergarten to eight **in at least 50 districts**. The grant funded under this section is intended to prepare and assess student's digital literacy skills. The project supports the Top 10 in 10 strategic goal two, strategy 2.1, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8 by:

- supporting the development of a coherent assessment system to support personalization of learning;
- engaging students in well-rounded learning experiences through engagement of digital literacy curriculum;
- providing access to personalized learning technologies that support and enhance those learning experiences; and
- creating an integrated system of guidance that includes curriculum, instruction, and assessment supported by technology with necessary classroom level resources provided.

Eligible applicants are Michigan school districts that operate at least grades kindergarten to eight and has a partnership with a third-party partner that is experienced in the assessment of digital literacy and the preparation of digital literacy skills. The MDE has interpreted school district to include Intermediate School Districts (ISDs).

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A total of \$250,000 in funding for this grant has been made available from the 2017 State School Aid, P.A. 108. The grant Request for Proposal (RFP) and application will be available on March 16, 2018 at <http://www.techplan.org> under the Grants tab. The application deadline has been extended to **April 19, 2018**.

If you have any questions please email or call Amanda Stoel, Department Analyst in the Educational Technology Unit at stoela@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance