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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2018

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: 21j Competency Based Education Grant

The state funds for the 21j Competency-Based Education grant, initiated and approved by the Michigan Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder, are providing competitive grants to seven school districts.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today that seven school districts are sharing in a \$500,000 allocation from the Legislature. The state grants are being used towards their efforts using a Competency-Based Education model. In all, MDE received 18 applications requesting a total of \$1,713,189 in funding requests. Total funding available was \$500,000.

Independent review teams, consisting of internal and external reviewers, scored the grant applications. Successful grants demonstrated the most efficient and effective use of funding to supplement their efforts in adopting a competency-based education model. Grant awards were based on the applicant meeting several criteria points as outlined in the legislation and approved by the State Board of Education.

The seven districts that were awarded grants in alphabetical order are:

- Alpena Public Schools
- Armada Area Schools
- FlexTech High School-Nov
- Fraser Public Schools
- Kenowa Hills Public Schools
- Schoolcraft Community Schools
- Tecumseh Public Schools

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