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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: **CLARIFICATION** - Information about the Advanced Placement (AP)
Test Fee Reduction Grant for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

On March 22, 2018, a memorandum from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was distributed to Local and Intermediate School Districts stating that the federal Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction Grant is no longer available and laying out a new 2018 fee schedule for AP and International Baccalaureate (IB) test and registration fees for low-income students. This is in support of goal one (1) of the Michigan Top 10 Education State in 10 years initiative.

While the federal grant is no longer available, the Michigan legislature has appropriated \$750,000 to cover these fees; enough money to fully replace the lost federal funding. However, the law governing these funds contains obsolete wording preventing the MDE from spending the money as intended.

The MDE is working with the legislature to address the issue and reduce the AP test fees for low-income students to \$5 per test. Based on our conversations, **we feel confident that the law will be amended by the time districts receive their invoices.**

The MDE will provide further clarification once this matter has been resolved. In the meantime, please direct any questions to Sam Sinicropi at 517-241-0439, email to Sinicropis@michigan.gov or Jeff McNeal at 517-373-6925, email Mcnealj1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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