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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 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Information about the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction
Grant for 2018-2019 School Year

For more than 15 years the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has supported assessments for low-income students. This support will continue for the AP exam, IB exam, and CLEP.

The following process will be in place for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Michigan legislature has appropriated \$1,000,000 that will allow students that qualify to pay a reduced fee for specific exams. New this year, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests will be supported under this legislation.

Below are the full details for the AP test fee program for the 2018-2019 school year.

AP Test Fee Program

- The State of Michigan's contribution to low-income students will be \$48 per exam. This will be billed directly to the MDE.
- The College Board contribution to low-income students will be \$32 per exam.
- The high school will forego the school rebate of \$9 per exam from the College Board.

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- AP exam fee reduction directions can be found at <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/ap-coordinators/exam-ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions>
- This combination of local, school, and College Board subsidies results in:
 - o A \$5 per exam fee for low-income students.
 - o Local school invoices from the College Board will reflect the \$5.00 per exam charge and any other relating fees.

More information on how to access AP, IB, and CLEP tests for your low-income students will be coming in a subsequent memo. Please watch for future communications with more details.

Questions may be directed to Jeff McNeal at mcnealj1@michigan.gov or 517-241-6958 or Robert Bendall at bendallr@michigan.gov or 517-241-2651.

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