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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*
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SUBJECT: Section 99K – Cybersecurity Competition Event Grant Announcement –
Round Three

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of the Section 99k – Cybersecurity Competition Event Grant-Round Three. The purpose of the grant is to provide pupils in grades 6-12 with expanded opportunities to improve computer science skills by participating in cybersecurity competitive events. The intent of the grant is to increase the number of pupils demonstrating proficiency in science and mathematics on the state assessment and to increase the number of pupils who are college- and career-ready upon high school graduation. This grant supports the MDE's Top 10 in 10 goals two, three, four, and six through several key activities.

This grant will fund teams that participate in cybersecurity events hosted by [Merit Network, Incorporated](#), known as Michigan High School Cyber Challenge, and/or hosted by Air Force Association, known as [CyberPatriot](#) in the 2018-19 school year. The Governor's Michigan High School Cyber Challenge will be offered this fall. The CyberPatriot program team registration is now open for the 2018-19 competition. Registration instructions for CyberPatriot can be found at: <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/Get%20Involved/Volunteer-Registration-Form.aspx>.

All public school districts and public school academies in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply. Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) that enroll full-time students at the ISD are eligible to apply as well. A minimum of \$149,000 is available from the 2017-2018 State School Aid, P.A. 108. The grant requirements and structure can be found in the Request for Proposal (RFP) at <http://www.techplan.org/rdi/cybersecurity-grant/>.

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The grant application is now available in the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+). The application deadline for round three is **Tuesday, September 11**.

For more information regarding the grant program and cybersecurity competition programs visit <http://www.techplan.org/rdi/cybersecurity-grant/>. If you have any questions, please email or call Amanda Stoel at stoela@michigan.gov or at 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance