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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 16, 2019

**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 Support

**SUBJECT:** E-Rate Special Construction Matching Fund Grant Application Open

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the application for the E-Rate Special Construction Matching Fund Grant for E-Rate Funding Year 2019 is now open. The application, application instructions, and frequently asked questions (FAQ) documents are found at [www.michigan.gov/erate](http://www.michigan.gov/erate). The instructions and FAQ document will be updated throughout the process to ensure clarity for applicants.

E-Rate Funding Year 2019 applicants who have already indicated, by their certified FCC Form 471, the availability of state funds to leverage additional discounts for the coming funding year should complete the application as soon as possible to ensure that state review of the matching grant application is completed in a timely fashion and award information, if pertinent, is provided to the applicant's Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) reviewer. As a reminder, state funds are conditionally available pending approval of an application in the E-Rate process.

Applicants who wish to apply for the grant in E-Rate Funding Year 2020 need not apply for these funds at this time. However, the planning process for those projects should commence soon to ensure that applicants have the best chance at approval through the review of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

For more information, please send an email to [erate@michigan.gov](mailto:erate@michigan.gov) or contact Joe Polasek, State E-Rate Coordinator, at [polasekj3@michigan.gov](mailto:polasekj3@michigan.gov), or 517-335-1291.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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