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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Information about the AP Test Fee Reduction Grant for fiscal year
2013-2014

For the past 12 years the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction Grant. This grant pays for AP tests and the International Baccalaureate (IB) test and registration fees for low income students.

Grant applications have typically been available in November with the deadline for applying being in mid-December. This year, due to different timelines at the federal level, MDE has just received AP Test Fee Reduction grant application this week. The application is due May 8, 2014, with the grant awards scheduled to be distributed in September of 2014.

The funding for the Advanced Placement Test Fee and Incentive Programs allocation will be approximately \$28 million. Given the current budget climate, this is a comparatively positive outcome that attests to the value of the federal AP funding in boosting low-income students' college readiness and reducing their college costs.

The Michigan legislature has appropriated \$250,000 in the supplemental budget to allocate \$13 per AP test for students who qualify for test fee reductions.

Below are the full details for the AP test Fee program for the 2013-2014 school year.

AP Test Fee Program – 2014

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$37 per exam.**

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- The State of Michigan's contribution to low-income students will be **\$13 per exam.**
- The College Board contribution to low-income students will be **\$26 per exam.**
- This combination of state, federal and College Board subsidies results in a:
 - **\$5 per exam fee** for low-income students for up to three AP Exams per student this year

IB Test Fee Program 2014

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$86 per exam.**
- The State of Michigan contribution to low-income students will be **\$18 per exam.**

This combination of state and federal subsidies results in:

- Students paying the **entire** registration fee.

Please direct any questions to Sam Sinicropi at 517-241-0439 or email to SinicropiS@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance