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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr. ~~Chairman~~

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Special Project Grants in FY 2004-2005 under the *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Michigan Department of Education will administer Special Project grants in the FY 2004-2005 under the *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The goal of the program is to: coordinate school programs and impact health outcomes and academic achievement of students by integrating classroom, school, and community programs and policies that support young people.

Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs Special Project grants will be distributed through both a competitive and negotiated process to local and intermediate school districts, public school academies, and to agencies and organizations.

The state application for *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* for the Year 2 funding cycle was approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on February 19, 2004, in the sum of \$943,379. Of this amount, \$393,133 will be awarded in Special Project grants to support Coordinated School Health Programs and HIV Prevention. These grants assist the Department in completing the activities identified in the application for this fiscal year, March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005. Therefore, the office of Grants Coordination and School Support is submitting criteria for State Board of Education approval at this time.

Attachment A contains information about the FY 2004-2005 Special Project grants activities.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the grant criteria for *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* grants as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 24, 2004.

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Criteria for Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal to: “Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children, with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students.” To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will include priority consideration of the Strategic Goal and the following five Strategic Initiatives:

- Ensuring Excellent Educators
- Elevating Educational Leadership
- Embracing the Information Age
- Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy
- Integrating Communities and Schools

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive

Formula

New

Continuation

Michigan has made significant gains in the reduction of health risk behaviors over the past decade; yet, many young people continue to engage in behaviors such as sexual intercourse, physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, and tobacco use that place them at risk for serious health problems now and in the future. Coordinated school programs provide the opportunity to impact health outcomes and academic achievement of students by integrating classroom, school, and community programs and policies that support young people.

The Michigan Department of Education has been funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health, since 1988 to implement HIV prevention programs and policies and since 1992 to implement expanded health education programs and to build infrastructure to support Coordinated School Health Programs at the state and local levels. The Michigan Department of Education and its partner agency, the Michigan Department of Community Health, have worked collaboratively to provide leadership in these areas. The partnership between education and health, to promote school health, has been supported and enhanced by the state leadership of the Healthy Schools Network and the involvement of education and health-related organizations such as the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Michigan State University Extension, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, and the American Lung Association of Michigan.

In the next five years, Michigan will need to focus on several areas to improve development and implementation of policies and programs that support school-age youth based on six years of surveillance data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and local school district requests for technical assistance and professional development. Five-year goals for Priority 1, 2A, and 3 work plans focus on building partnerships, developing model policies and programs, preparing quality educators, reaching high-risk youth, and sharing successes with stakeholders. The long-term goal in all priority areas is to reduce risk behaviors and health disparities and to promote student achievement.

Several specific objectives for Year 2 include: continuing collaboration with the Michigan Department of Community Health to expand efforts of working with districts to implement model policies and programs; assessing current status of Coordinated School Health Programs and HIV Programs policies; publishing results of the Bureau of Juvenile Justice Youth Risk Behavior Survey; educating decision-makers regarding the link between health and academic achievement; and expanding collaboration with non-governmental organizations and mechanisms for reaching youth at greater risk for HIV and chronic disease risks at a time when funding is limited and collaboration a priority.

This grant will enhance the collaboration between education, health, communities, parents, and other key stakeholders to reduce health disparities and promote the health, well-being, and academic achievement of all of Michigan's school-age youth.

LEGISLATION

This program is authorized under the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Authorization Sections 301(A), 311(B) & (C), 317 (K)(2) Physical Activity, for *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* grants.

RATIONALE FOR CRITERIA

The *Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs* Special Project grants further assists the Michigan State Board of Education with the goal of uplifting underperforming schools and students by prioritizing service to low-performing schools. The grant program addresses the Strategic Initiatives of Integrating Communities and Schools, Ensuring Excellent Educators, and Elevating Educational Leadership to be met throughout this funding cycle.

CRITERIA

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Grant to CDC Proposed by Staff

I. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPETITIVE MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

One Special Project competitive mini-grant application will be developed to address the healthy school environment issues in Michigan by assessing current programs and policies and by establishing a coordinated school health team to implement the Healthy School Action Tool and at least one recommendation from the consensus paper, *The Role of Michigan Schools in Promoting Healthy Weight*. Total allocation for the Healthy School Action Tool will not exceed \$21,000 from this funding. Each mini-grant will range between \$500 and \$1,000. Competitive grants will be reviewed based on a rubric format that will be developed to differentiate between proposals that have a high need. An emphasis will be placed on applications submitted by high priority schools.

II. SPECIAL PROJECT NEGOTIATED & DESIGNATED GRANT APPLICATIONS

Special Project negotiated/designated grants will be disseminated to intermediate school districts, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

To the Michigan Department of Community Health, including the Adolescent School Health Unit, Cancer Unit, and Chronic Disease Unit – a designated grant of \$119,562 to support critical collaboration on Coordinated School Health Programs, Sun Safety, HIV, and coordination and

support for the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This funding is a requirement under the federal funding source. The funding supports 1 FTE of a Public Health Consultant – \$50,000 for chronic disease, \$50,000 for adolescent school health, \$19,562 for cancer—to be used to supplement salary, fringe benefits, travel, and supplies related to grant activities.

- To the American Cancer Society – a designated grant of \$134,292 for Sun Safety activities which will include some of the following: a) *Michigan Model* lessons, b) school-based health centers mini-grants, c) various Healthy School Action Tool items, and d) a media campaign. The grant will also help provide an American Cancer Society Leadership Institute in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education and the American Cancer Society. The Institute is designed to provide in-depth preparation to local school district staff in the coordination of school health programs, consisting of three week-long training sessions during consecutive summers, each followed by a weekend booster session held in the winter.

To the Educational Materials Center at Central Michigan University – a designated grant of \$22,140 for *Michigan Model* curriculum revision of grades K-6.

To the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports/Michigan Fitness Foundation – a designated grant of \$22,464 to provide oversight and technical assistance of the Sun Safety grant activities.

To the Michigan Maternal and Child Health Council – a designated grant of \$3,000 to help build state-level support for school health education, foster support for the relationship between health and academic achievement and health status, develop a partnership with the School and Community Health Alliance to promote expansion of various school health options at the local level, and provide training and technical assistance to School Health Coordinators to conduct a school/community needs assessment regarding school health issues and learn effective ways to work more collaboratively with community networks and grass roots advisory committees.

To the Michigan AIDS Fund – a designated grant of \$24,675 to support critical coordination and support for the activities of the HIV/STD and Adolescent Networking Committee, a statewide network of professionals committed to improving prevention efforts for high-risk youth. The Michigan Network for Youth and Families will plan and implement regional trainings to support staff in homeless and runaway agencies throughout Michigan to more effectively provide HIV/STD prevention outreach to unattached and high-risk youth.

To the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association – a designated grant of \$40,000 to support technical assistance, parental support workshops, sexuality education Advisory Committee, implementation of Coordinated School Health Programs policy, and to work with the Coordinated School Health Team.

To the Calhoun Intermediate School District – a designated grant of \$6,000 to provide four regional trainings on Silent Crisis/Sexual Minority Youth.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

All Local Education Agencies, including Public School Academies, are eligible to apply for the competitive mini-grants. Private Schools and Intermediate School Districts are not eligible for these funds due to the content and local curriculum/program focus. Only one application per district will be

accepted. Districts receiving funds from the 2002-2003/2003-2004 Healthy School Action Tool mini-grant program are eligible to apply for a one-time reduced sustainability grant.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The total amount available for grants for FY 2004-2005 is \$393,133.

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTRACT

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