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TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Immediate Response Required for Emergency Impact Aid

On January 12, 2006, the U.S. Department of Education announced in the Federal Register that under the Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students' program, they will award grants to eligible state educational agencies. The purpose of the grant is to make emergency impact aid payments for the cost of educating public and nonpublic students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita during school year 2005-2006. Guidance, instructions, and application documents for local education agencies, including public school academies and nonpublic schools can be found on the Michigan Department of Education's website, <http://www.michigan.gov/mde-hurricane>.

Eligible Educational Agencies: Elementary and secondary schools, including public school academies, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funded schools, and nonpublic schools in which there are enrolled student(s) displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Amount of Emergency Impact Aid: Agencies are eligible to receive up to \$6,000 per eligible student or \$7,500 per eligible student with certified disabilities. For districts that reported displaced students on Membership Count Day and have received state aid foundation payments for those students, the state will be reimbursed for the state aid funds. Emergency Impact Aid payments will be based on quarterly counts.

Timelines: Initial application documents must be received by MDE no later than Thursday, January 26, 2006. Amendments will be accepted as noted on the website.

Nonpublic Schools: A nonpublic school will submit applications to the local educational agency that is responsible for their district. See the website for additional information concerning nonpublic schools.

Michigan schools with displaced students should visit the MDE website, download the appropriate forms and instructions and submit the documents. **Federal legislation requires the initial application be received by MDE no later than January 26, 2006.**

Questions regarding the Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students should be directed to Dwight Sinila at (517) 373-1806.

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