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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Emergency Impact Aid for Evacuated Students

There is federal legislation pending that will provide emergency impact aid dollars to schools that have enrolled evacuated students from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. We participated in a national conference call with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) today; final details concerning this aid are still being worked out. The purpose of this memo is to provide a "heads up" to education agencies since the legislation is anticipated to be passed next week and the required implementation will be extremely fast.

USDOE indicated that public and nonpublic schools that enrolled students evacuated from either Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita will be allowed to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Education to help recover the costs of educating these students. The proposed legislation includes administrative expenses for LEAs of up to 2%. In order to apply for a grant, LEAs will submit student evacuee numbers as of four specified dates (yet to be identified by USDOE). These numbers will be reported as either public or nonpublic students. In addition, students will be reported by students with disabilities (as defined by IDEA) and students without disabilities. Verification of numbers for this grant will be conducted using the student names submitted to the MDE-Hurricane website (www.michigan.gov/mde-hurricane). We anticipate that USDOE will provide a grant application template that we will share with you. Turnaround time to submit the application will be very short as will the window to obligate funds. If you enrolled student evacuees, please begin thinking about the information that will be required in order for you to receive grant dollars.

As soon as additional details are available, MDE will notify all LEAs, ISDs, PSAs, and nonpublic schools.

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