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 DATE: January 31, 2020
 SUBJECT: Report on Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund

In accordance with Section 324.32910 of Part 329, Great Lakes Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), herein is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund (MGLPF) for calendar year 2019.

One project was approved for funding under the MGLPF in 2019, as detailed below:

2019 Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund Grant

Calendar Year	Grantee	Title	County	Match	Grant Amount
2019	Grand Valley State University	From Students to Stewards: Fostering Great Lakes Literacy to Improve School Performance	Ottawa	\$0	\$50,000

The MGLPF is a designated source of funding to support projects that meet EGLE's strategic goals and that are consistent with Part 331, Regional Great Lakes Protection Fund, of the NREPA.

In fall 2018 the Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) began a collaborative effort with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and the MiSTEM Network to integrate Great Lakes literacy principles into K-12 education through continuous school improvement plans. The "From Students to Stewards" pilot project initiative is a collaborative effort to improve school performance by integrating place-based Great Lakes literacy principles into school curriculum through continuous school improvement plans. In November 2019 the OGL awarded a \$50,000 grant to Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for a project entitled *From Students to Stewards: Fostering Great Lakes Literacy to Improve School Performance*. GVSU will pass through the full amount of this grant award to schools and other eligible education entities through a competitive process.

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The MiSTEM Network selected GVSU to be the project's eligible fiscal agent as part of its existing, formal role supporting the Greater West Michigan Region of the MiSTEM Network. This function is required to enable the MiSTEM Network to provide in-kind and/or financial support to this project. GVSU was chosen according to the MiSTEM Network and MDE's selection criteria.

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