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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2017

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Carryover Clarification of Early Literacy Grant Funds

As a part of the State 2017-2018 school aid appropriations (PA 108 of 2017 Sec. 35a), the State Legislature has set aside grant funds for the following areas that are eligible for carryover, in accordance with MCL 388.1618a:

- Additional Instructional Time – Section 35a(5) provides \$20,900,000 to districts for additional instructional time to pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.
- Intermediate School District (ISD) Literacy Coaches – Section 35a(4) provides \$6,000,000 for early literacy coaches at ISDs to assist teachers in developing and implementing instructional strategies for pupils in grades K-3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.

Districts, Public School Academies, or ISDs that have received these grants and are unable to expend the funds by September 30, 2018 are eligible to carryover those funds until September 30, 2019. Grant awardees must provide notification to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in writing no later than October 31, 2018 if they intend to carryover the funds into the next fiscal year. Carryover notification should be emailed to: MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov. Any carryover funds that have not been expended by September 30, 2019 will be returned to the MDE no later than September 30, 2019.

Please note that the Section 104d Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators grant does not allow for carryover because it is a reimbursement for a previously purchased assessment and must be utilized in the 2017-2018 academic year.

If you have any questions, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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