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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2021

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: 2020-21 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time Grant Reporting Requirement

Section 35a(6) of [Public Act \(P.A.\) 165 of 2020](#) requires any local education agency (LEA), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), receiving [Section 35a\(5\) Additional Instructional Time](#) grant funds to submit the early reading deficiency (ERD) report annually to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

In previous years, the ERD was required for all students in grades K-3. P.A. 165 of 2020 amended the law and for the 2020-21 year only, LEAs may use 35a(5) grant funds for pupils in grades pre-K to 12 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions to be reading at grade level by using MDE-approved screening and diagnostic tools.

Please note the following:

- The K-3 ERD data must continue to be submitted in the end-of-year (EOY) Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) collection, as in years past. This collection opens May 3, 2021 and is due June 30, 2021.
- LEAs using 35a(5) grant funds for pre-K and/or grades 4-12 students must submit that ERD report in [GEMS](#) by June 30, 2021.

If you have questions regarding this communication or the required reports, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov. If you have questions regarding the MSDS, please contact CEPI@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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