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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2017

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Section 35a(4) ISD Early Literacy Coaches Grant Opportunity

As a part of the State 2017-2018 school aid appropriations (PA 108 of 2017 Sec. 35a), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is releasing one (1) grant that is intended to increase student achievement in early literacy. The grant covers the following area:

- [ISD Early Literacy Coaches](#)
 - Section 35a(4) of the FY 2017 State School Aid Act provides \$6,000,000 for early literacy coaches at Intermediate School Districts (ISD) 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. Each ISD in the state is eligible to receive \$75,000 per coach from MDE but the ISD must provide funds for at least 50% of the grant amount awarded to support the cost of the coach. In other words, since grant awards may not exceed \$75,000 per coach, the maximum required ISD matching allocation would be \$37,500 per coach.

The application for the ISD Early Literacy Coaches grant will be available for ISDs on November 9, 2017 with a deadline to apply by November 28, 2017. You can find the application and background information at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161-367706--,00.html.

If you have questions regarding this communication or the grant, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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