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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 19, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** 2020-2021 35a(5) Additional Instructional Time Grant Application  
Deadline

The state School Aid Act's Section 35a(5) additional instructional time grant application opened for districts to apply on October 29, 2020. Many districts have already applied. This memo is a reminder to districts still interested in applying to do so by the **Wednesday, November 25, 2020 deadline.**

The section 35a(5) grant covers the following area:

- [Additional Instructional Time](#)
  - Section 35a(5) of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 state School Aid Act ([P.A. 165 of 2020](#)) provides \$19,900,000 to districts for additional instructional time to pupils in grades pre-K to 3, or, for the 2020-21 school year only, those pupils in grades pre-K to 12 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3, or, for the 2020-21 school year only, reading at the applicable grade level.
  - Grant funds will be allocated dependent upon the number of applicants and based on a formula for an equal amount per pupil based on the number of eligible first graders determined by the end of the 2019-2020 school year count. The grant award amount may vary from a previous award.

The grant application can be found in [GEMS](#).

If you have questions regarding this communication or the grant, please contact [MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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