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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Carryover Clarification for Early Literacy Grant Funds

Local education agencies (LEAs) or Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) that have received [Section 35a\(4\) ISD Early Literacy Coach](#) and/or [Section 35a\(5\) Additional Instructional Time](#) grant funds and are unable to expend the funds by September 30, 2019 are eligible to carryover these funds until September 30, 2020. Grant awardees must email written notification to MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov no later than October 31, 2019 if they intend to carryover the funds into the next fiscal year. Any carryover funds that have not been expended by September 30, 2020 will be returned to the MDE.

In alignment with [Goal 2 of the Top 10 in 10 Years State Strategic Plan](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been working diligently to provide guidance to local education agencies around the use of Section 35a Early Literacy grant funds ([PA 265 of 2018 Sec. 35a](#)).

Please note that the [Section 104d Assessment Reimbursement grant](#) does not allow for carryover because it is a reimbursement for a previously purchased assessment and must be utilized in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Thank you for all you do to support the parents/guardians in your district/academy.

Please direct questions to MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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