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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Norma Jean Sass 
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SUBJECT: Information about the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction Grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

For the past 14 years, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received the AP Test Fee Reduction Grant from the United States Department of Education (USED). This grant pays for AP tests and the International Baccalaureate (IB) tests and registration fees for low-income students.

Grant applications have typically been available by this time each year. The AP Test Fee and Incentives Grant application from USED will not be available until the first week of April 2016. The deadline for the application is the first week of May 2016. We anticipate that funding will match the numbers outlined below.

The Michigan Legislature has appropriated \$250,000 in the budget to allocate \$15 per AP test for students who qualify for test fee reductions.

Below are the full details for the AP Test Fee Reduction Program for the 2015-2016 school year:

AP Test Fee Program – 2016 (Anticipated)

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$33 per exam.**
- The State of Michigan's contribution to low-income students will be **\$15 per exam.**
- The College Board contribution to low-income students will be **\$30 per exam.**

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- High schools will forego their **\$9 fee**.
- This combination of state, federal, high school, and College Board subsidies results in a:
 - **\$5 per exam fee** for low-income students.

IB Test Fee Program – 2016 (Anticipated)

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$93 per exam**.
- The State of Michigan contribution to low-income students will be **\$15 per exam**.
- The State of Michigan will pay the IB registration fee.
- This combination of state and federal subsidies results in:
 - **\$5 per exam** for low-income students.

Please direct any questions to Sam Sinicropi at 517-241-0439 or email to sinicropis@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance