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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Education Agency Superintendents
Michigan School of Business Officials

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *Sally*
Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: IDEA ARRA Grant Awards

All recipients of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants are encouraged to spend their ARRA grant awards in a timely manner. However, announcements and guidance related to ARRA grants have two seemingly conflicting principles. All ARRA funds are to be spent as quickly as possible while at the same time because of increased accountability and transparency, all recipients of ARRA funded programs are subject to increased monitoring to ensure that all funds were properly spent and accounted for.

The purpose of this memorandum is to reinforce and clarify these messages and to request that local school business officials and local district program/grant personnel work together to ensure the timely and proper draw of all IDEA Part B Flowthrough, IDEA Part B Preschool, and IDEA Part C *Early On*[®] ARRA funds awarded by the Michigan Department of Education. It is a requirement for all IDEA Part B and IDEA Part C program funds, including all of the ARRA IDEA Part B and IDEA Part C grant programs, to be spent in accordance with the individual grant approvals for each of the grant programs. Because all federal grants are paid on a reimbursement basis, it is always expected that funds are drawn only when they have been properly spent in accordance with approved budgets and program designs.

It is expected that business and program officials will work closely together to ensure that their ARRA IDEA Part B and IDEA Part C funds are expeditiously and properly spent and then drawn in a timely manner.

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Questions regarding this information related to IDEA Part B Flowthrough should be directed to Monica Butler, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services. She may be reached at (517) 241-1235 or by e-mail at ButlerM3@michigan.gov.

Questions regarding this information related to IDEA Part B Preschool and IDEA Part C *Early On*[®] should be directed to Gary Schafer, Early Childhood and Family Services for IDEA. He may be reached at (517) 335-2875 or by e-mail at SchaferG@michigan.gov.

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