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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors, School Business Officials

FROM: Carol Wolenberg *CW*
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DATE: March 12, 2009

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – General Information

This is the first in a series of official communications regarding the education components of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This may appear general in nature; however, it is what we know at this time.

The major education areas in the ARRA are Education for the Disadvantaged, Title I, Part A (\$390 million); Education for the Disadvantaged, Title I, School Improvement (\$75 million); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, §611, Special Education (\$400.6 million); IDEA, Part C, §631, Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (\$12.3 million); IDEA, Part B, §619, Special Education Preschool (\$13.4 million); Education Technology (\$24.5 million); Education for Homeless Children and Youth (\$2.5 million); School Lunch Emergency Food Assistance Program (\$3.9 million); Equipment Assistance for School Food Authorities (\$2.5 million); and State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (\$1.6 billion). (NOTE: These dollar amounts are our best estimate at this time.)

There are many spread sheets from various sources that project individual district allocations in each of the categories above. Please note that these estimates are not official. Official allocations will be available from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) as soon as they are determined. Many are based upon a district's Title I formula or other formulas such as IDEA and Educational Technology. If a district, building or charter school is not Title I eligible, it will not receive ARRA funds in those sections based on the Title I formula.

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) recently issued initial implementation guidance on the ARRA website at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery. This guidance has generated questions from MDE. We are working to receive clarification from USED.

As we learn more specific information, please watch for additional official communications. In the meantime, we will be updating the state's primary ARRA website at www.Michigan.gov/recovery.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Education Grant Information

Title VIII, Education for the Disadvantaged, Title I, Part A

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$390,033,535

Date Available: Fifty percent of recovery funds will be distributed to Michigan by the end of March 2009. The remaining recovery funds will be made available by October 1, 2009.

Program Information: All Title I, Part A recovery funds must be used consistent with the current Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 statutory and regulatory requirements. Grant funds will be used to improve education for at-risk students and to close achievement gaps.

Grant Information: Grants will be distributed to eligible agencies based on the Title I formula. The grant will be part of the Consolidated Application and will be submitted using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: When detailed information is made available from the U.S. Department of Education, updated information will be posted on the Office of School Improvement website, under the Field Services section,
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_51051---,00.html.

Title VIII, Title I, School Improvement Grants

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$75,000,000

Date Available: Recovery funds for Title I, School Improvement grants will be available to the State in fall 2009.

Program Information: Title I, School Improvement grants will provide assistance for local school improvement activities for Title I schools that do not make adequate yearly progress for at least two consecutive years.

Grant Information: Grants will be distributed by formula to eligible agencies through the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). When additional details are known a grant announcement will be issued from Michigan Department of Education. Applications will be submitted through Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: When detailed information is made available from the U.S. Department of Education, updated information will be posted on the Office of School Improvement website, under the Field Services section,
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_51051---,00.html.

Title VIII, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, §611, Special Education

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$400,607,836

Date Available: Fifty percent of recovery funds will be made available to Michigan by the end of March 2009. The remaining recovery funds will be made available by October 1, 2009. Funds may be used in the remainder of fiscal year 2008-2009 through September 30, 2011.

Program Information: All IDEA recovery funds must be used consistent with the current IDEA, Part B statutory and regulatory requirements.

Grant Information: Grants will be included and considered part of the fiscal year 2009-2010 IDEA grant and distributed to eligible agencies based on the formula found in IDEA, and per Michigan Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education and the Revised School Code pending submission of a substantially approvable application in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: When detailed information is made available from the U.S. Department of Education, updated information will be posted the OSE/IS home page, http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598---,00.html.

Title VIII, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C, §631, Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities (Early On)

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$12,346,348

Date Available: Fifty percent of recovery funds will be distributed to Michigan by the end of March 2009. The remaining recovery funds will be made available by October 1, 2009.

Program Information: Grants will be used to facilitate a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, family-centered, interagency system of early intervention services to eligible infants and toddlers and their families. The program provides for the expansion and improvement of existing early intervention services currently provided to eligible infants and toddlers and their families through coordination of referral and service delivery systems. Direct early intervention services are provided as a last resort to eligible infants and toddlers and their families when no other resources for the services are available.

Grant Information: Grants will be distributed to eligible agencies based on the formula found in IDEA, and per Michigan Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education and the Revised School Code pending submission of an application in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: When detailed information is made available from the U.S. Department of Education, updated information will be posted the Early Childhood home page, http://www.mi.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6809---,00.html.

Title VIII, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, §619, Special Education Preschool

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$13,396,405

Date Available: Fifty percent of recovery funds will be distributed to Michigan by the end of March 2009. The remaining recovery funds will be made available by October 1, 2009.

Program Information: Grants will be used to provide instructional programs, services, and materials to students with disabilities who are three to five years of age. Examples of services are: speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and social work.

Grant Information: Grants will be distributed to eligible agencies based on the formula found in IDEA, and per Michigan Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education and the Revised School Code pending submission of an application in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: When detailed information is made available from the U.S. Department of Education updated information will be posted on the Early Childhood home page, http://www.mi.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6809---,00.html.

School Improvement Programs - Education Technology Grants

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated at \$24,532,884

Date Available: Recovery funds for Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology will be available to the state in fall 2009.

Program Information: Grants will be used to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning.

Grant Information: Fifty percent of the funds will be distributed by formula; fifty percent will be competitive. The formula Ed Tech grants will be part of the Consolidated Application. A grant competition will be held for the competitive portion of the grant program. All applications will be in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS).

For More Information: Information for the formula portion of the grant will be part of the Consolidated Application guidance that will be published to all eligible applicants. The competitive grants will be announced on the MDE Grants webpage, <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5236---,00.html>.

School Improvement Programs - Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grants

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Approximately \$2.5 million

Date Available: Recovery funds for EHCY grants will be available to the state by July 1, 2009.

Program Information: Grants will be used to coordinate services to homeless children and youth, effective use of funds, ability to meet identified needs, and timely and accurate reporting of homeless students.

Grant Information: The EHCY grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to local school districts, intermediate school districts, public school academies, and consortia of these agencies.

For More Information: <http://www.michigan.gov/homeless>

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Total Funding Available to Michigan: Estimated to be \$1,592,138,132; 81.8% of the funding must be used for elementary, secondary, and higher education; 18.2% may be used for public safety and other government services.

Date Available: Fifty percent of the funding will be available July 1, 2009 and 50 percent of the funding will be available July 1, 2010.

Program Information: The Governor must apply for these funds. The first priority of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund allocation is to restore school aid funding in each of fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011 to the greater level of FY 2008 or FY 2009 levels; and funding for public higher education institutions to the higher level of FY 2008 or FY 2009. The amount of funding for each of the initiatives has not yet been determined. Information on the distribution of the remaining funds will be available soon. The amount of funding for each of the initiatives has not yet been determined. Information on the distribution of the remaining funds will be available soon.

Grant Information: Funds not distributed to meet the restoration requirement will be distributed to local education agencies using the Title I formula. Details on the application method and distribution of funds will be provided when additional guidance is received from USED.

For More Information: When detailed information is available, it will be posted on the Michigan Department of Education Grants website, <http://michigan.gov/mde-grants>.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Total Funding Available to Michigan: \$3,973,771

Date Available: Waiting for guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Program Information: To make funds available for food, storage and distribution costs incurred by eligible nonprofit agencies in providing food assistance for low-income families.

Grant Information: Eligible agencies will be contacted by the Michigan Department of Education regarding this program.

For More Information: When detailed information is available, it will be posted on the Michigan Department of Education Grants website, <http://michigan.gov/mde-grants>.

Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities

Total Funding Available to Michigan: \$2,555,174

Date Available: Funds will be available to the state by June, 2009.

Program Information: Grants will be used to support participants in the National School Lunch Program with equipment purchase assistance. Equipment requests may include new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment.

Grant Information: A competitive grant competition will be announced by the Michigan Department of Education. Priority will be given to schools with at least 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.

For More Information: When detailed information is available, it will be posted on the Michigan Department of Education Grants website, <http://michigan.gov/mde-grants>.