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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 2017

- **TO:**Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
- **FROM:** Kyle L. Guerrant G Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations
- **SUBJECT**: Balanced Calendar Instructional Program Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces a request for applications for the 2017-2018 Balanced Calendar Instructional Program Grant (formerly named the Year-Round School Grant). Grants will be competitively awarded to eligible districts that implement a balanced calendar instructional program for the first time in the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and for three consecutive years.

Grant funds are for necessary modifications to instructional facilities and other nonrecurring costs to prepare for the operation of a year-round instructional program. A maximum award of \$750,000 is available to successful applicants. Funding in the amount of \$1.5 million has been appropriated in Section 31b of P.A. 108 of 2017, State School Aid.

Application instructions are available for this grant on the <u>MDE's Grants website</u> for Balanced Calendar Instructional Program. The application period opens today with a submission deadline of **December 1, 2017**. Please carefully review all the application instructions.

To request a fillable application form, and for questions regarding this grant program, contact Carol Skillings in the Office of School Support Services, Grants Coordination and School Support Unit, at 517-335-0449 or <u>skillingsc@michigan.gov</u>.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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