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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2015

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

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *NJS*
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SUBJECT: Requesting Public Comment for Special Waiver of the 15% Carryover CAP
for Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), on behalf of the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District, is requesting permission from the United States Department of Education (USED) to waive the limitation for MDE to grant a Title I, Part A 15% carryover waiver to the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District more than once every three (3) years. The Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District received new boundaries and students based on the State of Michigan (SOM) dissolving Buena Vista School District.

After the re-districting, the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District received an increased 2013-14 Title I, Part A allocation based on the number of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch from the dissolved district. The adjustments to their 2013-14 Title I, Part A allocations were not completed until early April not giving the district time to allocate appropriately, the substantial increase in funding for that school year. In August of 2015, the district received a fiscal audit of their 2013-14 funds. The audit disallowed a large portion of their funding. The disallowed funds, combined with their carryover, will cause the district to exceed the 15% limit of their 2014-15 funds.

The MDE is opening this waiver request to USED, on behalf of Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District, for public comment. If you would like to comment on this request, please email your comments to TitleICarryoverWaiver@michigan.gov.

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This mailbox will be available for ten (10) business days. All comments will be reviewed and given consideration by MDE and attached to the waiver request sent to USED.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance