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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2020

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

FROM: Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent KG
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law on March 27, 2020. The nearly \$2 trillion CARES Act provides relief to several broad groups adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including K-12 education.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund portion of the CARES Act provides over \$13.2 billion to state education agencies (SEAs). In a phone discussion today, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos informed State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice that of the \$13.2 billion nationally, Michigan will receive \$389,796,984. The distribution of these funds nationally is based upon the Title I, Part A funding formula.

States must apply to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for the above funding opportunities. It is anticipated that the USED will issue a notice inviting state applications and provide additional guidance about CARES Act funding by April 27, 2020. CARES Act funding is a one-time appropriation and will not be ongoing funding for states or school districts. The department strongly recommends that this non-recurring funding not be used for recurring expenditures such as salaries and benefits.

LEAs may use funds for any activity authorized under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Carl D. Perkins Act, McKinney-Vento Act, or the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

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LEAs may also use funds for other activities in response to COVID-19 including, but not limited to, preparedness and response efforts, sanitation, learning at a distance, and professional development. Funding eligibility is based on the percentage of federal Title I, Part A allocated to the LEA in fiscal year 2020.

The CARES Act also provides additional funding nationwide for a variety of relevant programs related to children and schools: \$8.8 billion for Child Nutrition Programs; \$3.5 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants; \$750 million for Head Start early education programs; and \$100 million for Safe Schools and Citizen Education. The Michigan Department of Education will share additional guidance on these grant programs when it is made available by the responsible federal agency.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance