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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2020

TO: Local and School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Grant Certification Requirements for School Aid Coronavirus Relief Funds
Funding and District COVID Cost Funding – MEMO #COVID-19-112

This memorandum is to remind districts of the certification requirements for "School Aid Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Funding" (\$350 per pupil received in the August state aid payment) and "District COVID Costs" funding (approximately \$12.32 per pupil received in the July state aid payment). As subrecipients of these federal coronavirus relief funds (CRF), grant certification forms are required by all local education agencies (LEAs), including traditional public schools and public school academies (PSAs), to be completed in the GEMS/MARS system by **October 7, 2020**. Failure to certify receipt and acknowledgement of the requirements of these funds will result in the funds being recaptured from the district. Links to the program guidance and certification forms for each of these funding sources are below:

School Aid CRF Funding
[Program Guidance](#)
[Certification in GEMS/MARS](#)

District COVID Costs
[Program Guidance](#)
[Certification in GEMS/MARS](#)

Questions regarding these CRF funding sources or program guidance may be directed to Christopher May at 517-335-1263 or MayC@michigan.gov. Questions regarding the certification process in the GEMS/MARS system may be directed to the GEMS Help Desk at 517-241-6270 or MDE-GEMS@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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