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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 19, 2021

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent 
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
Relief Fund Resources - MEMO #COVID-19-204

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to share resources from career and technical education (CTE) and early middle college (EMC) national associations supporting the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Relief Fund and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education in the U.S. Department of Education (USED).

Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, MDE is providing local educational agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), with emergency relief funds to address the effect that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary students in Michigan.

The USED's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education recently published a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) document that provides guidance on how LEAs may use these funds, which includes questions related to career and technical education. Question C-22 on page 43 addresses how ESSER and GEER funds may be used for career and technical education. There are other references throughout the document addressing the career development needs of students, including question C-17 specific to high school seniors and C-18 addressing support to students who graduated from high school in the classes of 2020 and 2021 who have not yet successfully transitioned to college or a career.

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In addition, MDE's Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) has identified four documents from CTE and EMC national associations that districts may find helpful in using CARES Act funds for career and technical education and early middle college programs:

- CTE: National Association for Career and Technical Education: [High-Quality CTE During COVID-19: Leveraging Federal Relief Funds at the Local Level](#).
- CTE: Advance CTE: [Stimulus Funding COVID-19 Resource AdvanceCTE](#).
- EMC: College in High School Alliance: [The Role of College in High School Programs in Student Recovery from COVID-19 \(one page summary\)](#).
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The Michigan Perkins V state plan for career and technical education and early middle college supports [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) to:

- Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners
- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
- Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential

For additional resources on CARES Act grant information please visit the [MDE CARES Act webpage](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors