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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Local Educational Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the Michigan Legislature enacted, and the Governor signed, PA 60 of 2013. Section 22g of this Act allocates \$5 million to support the Consolidation of Local Education Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant program. These competitive grants will be awarded to local and intermediate school districts for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of districts or intermediate districts.

Grants will be awarded based on the applicant meeting the following criteria:

1. Consolidation of two or more public school districts or intermediate school districts on or after June 1, 2013
2. Well defined transition costs and completion timeframe
3. Significant educational system benefits and/or other efficiencies

A district or intermediate district is not eligible to receive funding from this grant program if the district or intermediate district received grant funds from the Section 22g competitive grant assistance program (Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant) in 2012-13.

MDE is currently in the process of developing an application through the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS+) for this program. We anticipate that the application will be available no later than September 5, 2013. (NOTE: Please monitor MEGS+ if you are considering applying for a grant.) MDE will accept applications for this grant program through October 18, 2013; we hope to notify submitting entities regarding approval/denial of applications in November 2013.

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To assist you in preliminary planning, a copy of the grant scoring summary that will be used to evaluate each grant application is attached. If you have questions, please contact Christopher May at MayC@michigan.gov or 517-335-1263.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

**2013 – 2014 Consolidation of Local Educational Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant
(MCL 388.1622g)
Score Sheet Summary (Total 100 Points Available)**

1) Scope of Project (Total Possible Points: 25)

(List all participating LEAs, PSAs, and ISDs)

1.	7.
2.	8.
3.	9.
4.	10.
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6.	12.

2) Project Goals and Current Process (Total Possible Points: 25)

Goals of the consolidation are explained in detail including educational system benefits, expected outcomes, current process, and reason for consolidation.

3) Project Detail (Total Possible Points: 25)

- a) A detailed work plan/timeline was provided and clearly indicates the outcomes and deliverables of each step, outlines the activities to be completed and how each entity is affected at each phase of the consolidation process. (5 points)
- b) Is there commitment from the districts involved to proceed with the consolidation? (5 pts.)
- c) Does the potential exist for further consolidations and/or for the consolidation to serve as a model for others? (10 pts.)
- d) Does the consolidation reference community involvement, such as forums, board meetings, task force, or ISD collaboration? (5 pts.)

4) Budget and Budget Narrative (Total Possible Points: 25)

A detailed budget and budget narrative is provided that clearly explains each expenditure and how it relates to accomplishing the goals of the consolidation. Cost estimates are accurate and include supporting documentation, if applicable.