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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2017

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

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Statewide School Drinking Water Quality Program

As a reminder, beginning October 17, 2016, funding became available for the statewide school drinking water quality program. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will reimburse public schools and registered nonpublic schools up to $950 per school building for drinking water testing, fixture replacements, plumbing assessments, or filter purchases for expense incurred between July 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017. Eligible districts apply through the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+). Once the application is approved, districts will be able to request reimbursement through the Cash Management System (CMS). Registered Nonpublic Schools are required to have reported in MEGS+ for the 2016-17 school year to be considered eligible.

For questions and procedures regarding drinking water sampling, see the MDEQ Drinking Water website at www.michigan.gov/drinkingwater.

For questions on accessing MEGS+ or CMS, see the MDE Grants website at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236---,00.html.

Questions should be directed to Holly Gohlke, Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, at gohlkeh@michigan.gov, 989-705-3422; or Kevin Walters, Supervisor, Grants Coordination and School Support, at waltersk5@michigan.gov, 517-373-1806.

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