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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 13, 2020

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – Education  
Equity Grant Application and Information – MEMO #COVID-19-088

On August 4, 2020, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Education Equity Fund grant application ([#COVID-19-081](#)) allowing all local education agencies (LEAs), including traditional public school districts and public school academies, to apply for federal funds for the purpose of:

1. Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students served by the LEA to aid in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and school staff members.
2. Providing mental health services and supports.

MDE will host two technical assistance webinars to provide guidance on how to complete and submit the grant application.

Webinar dates and connection information are listed below.

**Monday, August 17, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89221139993?pwd=cjM4SGh6aUFHS3E4YkVGMlFwWVlvdz09>

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**Thursday, August 20, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87954679478?pwd=Y1pRM1VQMxdtTEtIWmNWU2YxV01HZz09>

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Questions concerning this grant can be sent to [MDE-CARES@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CARES@michigan.gov). Please use "ESSER - Education Equity Fund" in the subject line so that any questions can be addressed as quickly as possible.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors