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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Announcing Round Three of Early Literacy (K-3) Grant Opportunities

As a part of the 2016-2017 State School Aid Act appropriations (PA 249 of 2016), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced on August 18, 2016 the release of two (2) grants in Section 35a (MCL 388.1635a) that are intended to increase student achievement in early literacy. Round one of the grants closed on September 23, 2016 and round two closed on October 21, 2016. The MDE will be conducting a third round for local educational agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs) and intermediate school districts (ISDs) that did not apply during the first two rounds and have not yet received funding in 2016-17. Please note that LEAs, PSAs, and ISDs can only receive one grant award per fiscal year.

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The two grants cover the following areas:

- [Additional Instructional Time](#)
 - Section 35a(5) of the FY 2016 State School Aid Act provides \$17,500,000 to districts for additional instructional time to pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.
 - If your district applied and received a grant award in 2015-2016, the application does not need to be filled out in its entirety. Please complete Section 1 only to continue to receive funding in 2016-2017. Please only submit an updated instructional time table if the district's programming and/or budget has changed and please only send an updated assurances page if the district has a new Superintendent. Per pupil funding for 2016-2017 is based on the number of eligible first graders determined by end of school year 2015-2016 count so the grant award amount may vary from your previous award.

- [Literacy Coaches](#)
 - Section 35a(4) of the FY 2016 State School Aid Act provides \$3,000,000 for early literacy coaches at ISDs to assist teachers in developing and implementing instructional strategies for pupils in grades K-3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. Each ISD in the state is eligible for 50 percent funding of this position from the MDE in the amount of \$37,500.
 - If your district applied and received a grant award in 2015-2016, the application does not need to be filled out in its entirety. Please complete Section 1 only to continue to receive funding in 2016-2017.

The applications for round three of these grants will be available for LEAs, PSAs, and ISDs on October 27, 2016 with a deadline to apply for the third round by November 25, 2016. You can find all applications and background information at www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161---,00.html.

If you have questions regarding this communication or the two grants, please contact MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance