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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Educator Evaluation Grant Opportunities

As a part of the State 2015-2016 school aid appropriations (P.A. 85 of 2015 Sec. 95a), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is releasing a series of three (3) grants that are intended to provide support for the implementation of educator evaluation systems. The three grants cover the following areas:

- [Educator Evaluation ISD Training Grant](#)
 - Section 95a of the FY 2015 State School Aid Act provides \$12,100,000 to intermediate school districts (ISDs) for required training for teachers, administrators, and other participating educators in local educator evaluation tools to all local education agencies (LEAs) and public school academies (PSAs).
- [Educator Evaluation Regional ISD Staffing Grant](#)
 - Section 95a of the FY 2015 State School Aid Act provides \$1,800,000 to fund staff in each MAISA region dedicated to providing and coordinating educator evaluation supports within and across regions.
- [Educator Evaluation Research and Evaluation Activities Grant](#)
 - P.A. 85 of 2015, Section 95a and P.A. 84 of 2015, Article VI, Section 115 provides \$1,900,000 for a competitive grant to a LEA or ISD to support research and evaluation activities designed to improve the implementation of educator evaluations in Michigan.

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The applications for these grants will be available for eligible parties on March 10, 2016. You can find all applications and background information at www.michigan.gov/mde-edevals.

If you have questions regarding this communication or the 3 grants, please contact MDE-EdEvals@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance