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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2019

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Partial Federal Government Shutdown

Due to a lapse in appropriations, the federal government entered a partial shutdown at midnight December 21, 2018. Congress has appropriated funding to some federal agencies for the fiscal year that began October 1, 2018, while other agencies had been operating on a series of Continuing Resolutions, which expired December 21, 2018. Congress must pass, and the President must sign, a new spending bill or agree to a Continuing Resolution for the government to fully reopen for business.

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has been fully funded for Fiscal Year 2019, therefore is not impacted by the partial federal shutdown. Appropriations for USED grant funds (Title Programs, Special Education, etc.) are not impacted. However, some federal agencies that provide funding for school-based programs and services currently are impacted by the partial federal shutdown, potentially impacting schools in the near future. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is shut down due to a lapse in appropriations. FNS has provided states with additional available funding to ensure Child Nutrition Programs continue without disruption through February 28, 2019.

The Michigan Department of Education is monitoring the situation closely and will provide additional updates and guidance as they become available. For questions regarding partial federal government shutdown, contact Kyle Guerrant at 517-241-0062 or guerrantk@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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