

Michigan ESSA: Fiscal Action Team Fact Sheet



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Purpose This action team will begin by identifying all of the funding streams available to schools/districts and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) outside of the school district foundation allowance (those directly specified under ESSA and other funding sources as well), and the regulations/opportunities in those streams. This team will then work with the supports teams and others to identify how the funds can be used in support of key activities, and to identify areas where MDE may need to seek additional flexibility from the federal government in order to enact our key goals.

Key Principles Guiding the Work of this Action Team To be successful in our mission this team should:

- Work with the other action teams to determine the amount of grant dollars that flow into the MDE, as well as the requirements that are attached to those dollars, i.e., should admin dollars be used for FTEs or for sending staff to training, etc. One of the challenges the School Finance Committee found was that there wasn't any consistency within the state regarding how to implement federal programs. They also noted that there isn't enough flexibility in the programs.
- Provide the action teams the financial information necessary to support their deliverables.

Opportunities This action team specifically has the opportunity to:

- Provide support to the action teams in prioritizing our outcome and deliverables.

Outcomes/Deliverables The Fiscal Action Team will identify the different types of federal funds and State Aid categorical funds (i.e., Title I, Nutrition, IDEA, At-Risk, GSRP, etc.) the MDE receives; the program office that receives them; and how these grant funds are dispersed.

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