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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 15, 2020

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

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Free and Reduced Low-Income Exam Reimbursement Program for  
2020-21 School Year

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is providing information regarding the free and reduced low-income exam reimbursement program for the 2020-21 school year.

To remove the financial barrier to taking the Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams, the state School Aid Act ([MCL 388.1694](#)) makes \$1.2 million available to low-income students and their families. The law encourages students to take IB and AP courses, and to participate in the exams associated with these courses. These exams can translate into college credit and can reduce future college tuition costs as a result.

Districts and schools that participate in this program will need to submit their College Board state invoice and/or district IB reimbursement form by June 30, 2021. Details regarding the program can be found on the MDE [AP website](#) and the [IB website](#).

Questions regarding this reimbursement program may be directed to Jeff McNeal at [mcnealj1@michigan.gov](mailto:mcnealj1@michigan.gov) or 517-241-6958.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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