INNOVATION COUNCIL
THINGS TO CONSIDER

(Points to Consider When Submitting an Idea)

Welcome, and thank you for taking the time to share your idea with the Innovation Council! The aim of the council is to assist districts as they navigate their innovative ideas through the various laws, rules, and accountability requirements.

The council began formation in the summer of 2015 and is chaired by Andrew Hulbert from Oxford Schools (Director of Oxford Virtual Academy) and Ellen Perry from the Ingham Intermediate School District (Pupil Accounting Auditor). In addition to Andrew and Ellen, council membership is comprised of current and retired superintendents, program directors, auditors, and several subject matter experts from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The MDE offices represented on the council include the Office of Education Improvement & Innovation (OEII), the Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research and Accountability (OESRA); the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS), the Office of State Aid and School Finance (SASF), the Office of Special Education (OSE), the Office of Field Services (OFS), and the Office of Financial Management - Audits.

You will find the application questions and rubric are general in nature. This is because each application may address a totally different area of innovation. As such, please write to the rubric and application questions as they apply to your proposal. Details are important, but use bullet points when possible. The total length of the proposal should be no more than ten pages in length. The council will review all submissions and provide recommendations to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for his final decision. Please know that some applications may require the district to provide additional information regarding the proposed idea, while others may be ready for the State Superintendent's review as submitted. Again, the council is designed to be a supportive body and assist districts on how to best formulate their creative programming models.