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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 29, 2015  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Grant Criteria for Section 31c Public Safety/Gang Prevention Grant

Under the State School Aid Act, Section 31c, the Michigan Legislature has allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for 2015-2016, to be distributed in a form and manner determined by the Michigan Department of Education to legislatively designated schools for public safety and gang prevention. Per legislation, the purpose of this funding is to improve public safety and reduce the number of youth involved in gang-related activity with an outcome of increased high school graduation rates.

Grants to districts with designated schools will be made available and awarded upon meeting proposal requirements.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve grant criteria for Section 31c Public Safety/Gang Prevention Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 29, 2015.

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## **MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### Criteria for Public Safety/Gang Prevention Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

### **SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

This grant supports the State Board's mission and the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Priority 6 to reduce health and safety barriers to learning by improving school safety and climate, reducing the number of youth involved in gang-related activity, and increasing high school graduation rates.

This grant also supports State Board policies related to school safety and climate including:

- Model Code of Student Conduct 2014
- Policy on Reducing Student Suspensions and Expulsions
- Policies on Safe Schools
- Policies for Creating Effective Learning Environments

### **PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing                       Formula  
 Competitive                       Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

Section 31c of the State School Aid Act allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for 2015-2016 to designated schools to improve public safety and reduce the number of youth involved in gang-related activity with an outcome of increased high school graduation rates.

This funding will support the efforts of gang and violence prevention in certain high priority schools as well as impact the educational achievement of students.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved:                     n/a                    

Source of Criteria:

- A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation                       C. Proposed by Staff  
 B. State Law or Rules                       D. Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

The main criteria upon which sub-grantees will be selected are the following:

Defined in Statute:

- Grants will be awarded to districts that form partnerships with nonprofit organizations, law enforcement, and other community resources to provide programs that divert young adults from gang-related criminal activity.
- Grant activities may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
  - a) Employment training and placement programs.
  - b) Counseling services.
  - c) Assistance to program participants in accessing community resources for continuing education, court advocacy, and health care.
  - d) Outreach programs to educate participants and their families.
- Each grant recipient shall partner with a university to collect data necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of programs in reducing violent crime and gang-related activity in the community.

Proposed by Staff:

The grant applicant will demonstrate the following:

- Building-level participation in student survey needs assessment through the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth.
- Building-level system for tracking and reviewing suspension and expulsion data.
- Plan for review of district policy on suspension and expulsion, including alignment with State Board of Education Policy on Reducing Student Suspensions and Expulsions.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Eligible applicants are legislatively designated.

Detroit City School District (82010)	Bagley Elementary School (00168)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Brewer Elementary-Middle School (09991)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Carleton Elementary School (05553)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Cody Academy of Public Leadership (00026)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Cooke Elementary School (00781)
Detroit City School District (82010)	East English Village Preparatory Academy (01189)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Edison Elementary School (01084)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies (07326)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Gompers Elementary-Middle School (01438)
Detroit City School District (82010)	Robeson Academy, Malcolm X Academy (07633)
PSA -George Washington Carver Academy (82963)	George Washington Carver Elementary School (02484)

The target population served is students in identified schools at risk for gang involvement and school dropout.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$1,000,000.00 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year

**STATUTE**

Section 31c of P.A. 85 of 2015, State School Aid

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