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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2020

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Opportunity

Local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts or public school academies, may apply for grants of approximately \$3 million each in federal literacy development funds awarded to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by the U.S. Department of Education. This federal comprehensive literacy state development program grant brings to Michigan \$15,997,990 in literacy development funds over a period of five years.

MDE will award five, five-year competitive grants to LEAs with low percentages of students at or above grade level in literacy. Successful applicants will use these funds to build an educational and professional development literacy system that serves children and students from birth through grade 12.

Prior to completing an application, LEAs must submit an [Intent to Apply](#) form by November 23, 2020 to be considered for the competitive award. The application and other resources related to this grant opportunity can be found on the [Michigan Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant](#) website.

MDE staff will host an informational webinar at 11 a.m. on November 17, and a recording will be available for later viewing. The webinar will provide information and answer questions on the application process. Information to attend the webinar will be made available on the [MDE grant website](#) prior to November 17.

The application will remain open through December 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Awards are expected to be announced in January 2021. Additional information and resources for districts to consider are available on the [MDE grant website](#). Please email questions to MDE-CLSDGrant@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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