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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: MEGS<sup>Plus</sup> (MEGS+) Announcement

In April 2011, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will begin a transition from the current Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) to a new grants system: MEGS<sup>Plus</sup> (MEGS+). The transition will allow MDE to update and upgrade the present system to a new information technology platform for better performance and functionality. The transition will occur over the next two years.

The first grants to go live in the new system are:

1. Adult Learning: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Core Programs
2. Adult Learning: WIA Special Projects
3. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

Larger grant programs, such as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Consolidated Application, are expected to migrate in the spring of 2012.

For the duration of the transition, MEGS and MEGS+ users will have to function in both systems. MDE is working to ensure that users only have to log-in one time to gain access to either system. To avoid confusion between the two systems, MDE will provide training and other documents that will help facilitate the transition.

Some administrative activities, such as maintaining agency information, will be switched to MEGS+. The purpose of this is to allow users to work in only one system. MDE is taking the necessary steps to ensure the two systems share all relative information to keep any duplicate efforts to a minimum.

MEGS+ works optimally with Internet Explorer (IE) 8 or Firefox 3. Users should upgrade their browsers as necessary. The upgrade of Internet Explorer to IE8 is available at no cost from Microsoft and is recommended for all users.

MEGS+ training will be provided in March 2011. MDE will work to make the transition as smooth as possible and will provide regular updates to MEGS users. If you have questions regarding the transition to MEGS+, please contact Grants Administration and Coordination at 517-373-1806.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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