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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2018

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: Public Comment Request for Math/Science Partnership (MSP) Waiver to
Extend the Period of Availability for Grant Funds

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a 12-month Tydings
waiver from the U.S. Department of Education for the NCLB Title IIB Mathematics
and Science Partnership Grant (84.366B) award number S366B160023. MDE
anticipates needing to carry approximately $300,000 of this grant award past
September 30, 2018. This extension of federal money will allow MDE to continue to
support teacher professional development in mathematics. Specifically, a new
request for proposals (RFP) will solicit projects that support Math Recovery or
culturally-responsive mathematics instruction.

As part of the waiver process, the MDE must provide the opportunity for the public
to comment on the pending request. This communication serves to solicit the
required comments. Those wishing to provide comments on this request should
submit them via email to Ruth Anne Hodges, hodgesr3@michigan.gov **no later than
September 27, 2018**.

This initiative aligns with the Michigan Department of Education Top 10 in 10 Years
Goal #2, which states, "Implement, with strong district and building leadership, high-
quality instruction in every classroom through a highly coherent, child-centered
instructional model where students meet their self-determined academic and
personal goals to their highest potential.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance