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TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School
Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: 2008-09 MyPyramid for Kids Mini-Grant Application

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the Michigan Team Nutrition's *MyPyramid for Kids Mini-Grant* opportunity. We encourage elementary schools in your district to apply. The application deadline is April 14, 2008.

Project Background and Focus

These grants will assist food service directors/managers in ten elementary schools to partner with teachers to use the *MyPyramid* lessons and materials in conjunction with other Michigan specific resources. Grant recipients will receive funding of \$1,000 dollars for budgeted project activities plus nutrition education resources valued at an additional \$1,000.

What Schools can Apply?

Applicant schools must meet the following criteria:

- Participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program.
- An elementary school building. May be a public school, public school academy, or nonpublic school with at least one grade level from kindergarten through fifth.
- Enrolled or in the process of enrolling in Team Nutrition.
 - Note: To enroll as a Michigan Team Nutrition School, submit a Team Nutrition Enrollment Form (available on the Michigan Team Nutrition site: www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu, by selecting "Join Team Nutrition").

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- If you are not sure your school is enrolled in Team Nutrition, visit the Team Nutrition Schools database at: <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/database.html>. If you have recently enrolled as a Team Nutrition School, your information may not yet be available in the database. If you have any questions, please call Gail Hebert at 517-432-7611.

To Apply

- All applicants must submit an application using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS):
 - Option 1: Complete your application online using MEGS <http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs>. Note only a MEGS Level 5 Authorized Official may initiate the *MyPyramid for Kids Mini-Grant* application.
 - Option 2: Download the application from the Michigan Team Nutrition website (www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/grants.html), complete the application and submit it to your district's MEGS Level 5 administrator for submission through MEGS at <http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs>. To find out who your Level 5 administrator is, please contact Ann-Marie Smith at 517-335-4998 or ask your district office.

Where to Obtain Additional Assistance

Contact Ann-Marie Smith at 517-335-4998 or smitha24@michigan.gov.