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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 28, 2021

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

**FROM:** Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*  
Division of Finance and Operations

Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent *DDC*  
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**SUBJECT:** Public Comment Period on Waivers for FY 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funds During the COVID-19 Crisis - MEMO #COVID-19-207

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a waiver from the United States Department of Education (USED), pursuant to section 3511 of Division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), P.L. 116-136 (H.R. 748), 34 Stat. 281 (Mar. 27, 2020), on behalf of local school districts regarding the use of federal title funds. Please see the waiver request here: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SIG\\_Waiver\\_736793\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SIG_Waiver_736793_7.pdf).

This waiver will provide local districts flexibility with 2021-22 academic year funds. The waiver request is for:

Period of availability of funds in section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA): to extend the period of availability of FY 2016 SIG funds in which the SEA participates under its approved consolidated state plan until September 30, 2022.

As part of the waiver process for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local educational agencies and the public are invited to provide comments between now and 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2021. For those wishing to comment on extending the period of availability of SIG funds waiver, please email comments to [mde-essa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-essa@michigan.gov). Please indicate "FY 2016 SIG Funds Waiver" in the subject line. All comments will be considered by MDE and attached to the request sent to USED.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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