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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 2013-2014 Statewide E-rate Program Coordination

As part of the FY2013 and FY2014 Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), the leading intermediate school districts (ISDs) are forming an E-rate consortium to support all Michigan ISDs, public school districts, and public school academies (districts) in meeting the requirements of the federal E-rate program.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has advised the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC), which administers E-rate, that the MDE has assigned day-to-day state E-rate coordination to this ISD consortium in partnership with E-Rate Central for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Questions related to E-rate filings or requests for support from E-rate Central should be sent to eratesupport@22itrig.org. You will be contacted as soon as possible to begin the process of answering your question or investigating your issue. General questions about E-Rate can also be sent to this email address.

For coordination purposes, we suggest that districts and ISDs use the following contacts:

- Direct correspondence to:

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cc: Michigan Education Alliance