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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Select Lead Administrators, MEGS Plus (MEGS+) Authorized Officials, and Title III Limited English Proficient Program Contact of Agencies Eligible for Section 41 Bilingual Grant

FROM: Mike Radke, Ph.D.   
Director Office of Field Services

SUBJECT: State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant Availability

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of the State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant to fund evidence-based bilingual programs. Students eligible for funding must be English Learners/Limited English Proficient (LEP) placed in one or more of the following bilingual education programs:

1. Two-way
2. Dual language
3. Heritage language
4. Transitional

All teachers in bilingual classrooms must be bilingually endorsed, and teachers providing instruction in heritage language programs must have a world language certification.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) applying for Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant funds are required to enter the count of children eligible for bilingual instruction in their MEGS+ 2015 Section 41 Bilingual Education application. The availability of the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), however, has made it possible for MDE to provide

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accurate counts to applicants, which ensures accuracy and saves applicants from a time-consuming data project necessary to aggregate these data. Agencies must use the data provided by MDE when entering the final count of students receiving bilingual services from endorsed teachers in their MEGS+ 2015 Section 41 Bilingual Education application.

A file with the count of eligible bilingual students is attached to this memo (Attachment A) and loaded to the Section 41 application in the "Program Information" section/"Section 41 Bilingual Education Agency Student Count" link. Please note this file includes only counts of students participating in one of the four bilingual programs noted above. The data in this file is sorted by Agency Name, Language, and LEP Instructional Program Code. Detailed instructions on how to enter the data may be found in the MEGS+ application in the "Program Information" section/"Section 41 Bilingual Education Instructions for Data Entry" link.

**Agencies may form consortia when applying for this grant.** In such cases, the counts of the individual consortium members should be aggregated according to the instructions found in the MEGS+ application.

The 2014-15 Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant application in MEGS+ is due to MDE no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2015. LEAs must initially submit their application **without building a budget**. After the February 18, 2015 application submission deadline, MDE will calculate and announce final allocations and return the Section 41 application to LEAs for modifications so each agency can build a budget that matches their final allocation. The **minimum** per pupil allocation for SY 2014-15 will be \$149.

Note that language in the State School Aid Act pertaining to Section 41 and verification of immigrant student legal status has been removed. Immigrant students may receive services under Section 41 without regard to their legal status.

Please direct questions regarding the Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant to Maria Silva, Title III Consultant, in the Office of Field Services at (517) 373-6066 or by e-mail at [SilvaM@michigan.gov](mailto:SilvaM@michigan.gov), Shereen Tabrizi, Manager, Special Populations Unit at [TabriziS@michigan.gov](mailto:TabriziS@michigan.gov) or your Regional Consultant. Questions regarding the MEGS+ application may be directed to Tammy Franks at [FranksT1@michigan.gov](mailto:FranksT1@michigan.gov).

Attachment: