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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: Title I Technical Assistance Grant Service Changes for the 2019-20
School Year

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in partnership with Calhoun Intermediate School District, has revised the supports available through the Title I Statewide Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the 2019-20 school year. The TAG provides funding to support local school districts with Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), or Additional Targeted Support (ATS) schools.

The TAG supports Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan Goal 2: 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; Goal 4: Reduce the impact of high-risk factors, including poverty, and provide equitable resources to meet the needs of all students to ensure that they have access to quality educational opportunities; and Goal 7: Further develop an innovative and cohesive state education agency that supports an aligned, coherent education system at all levels (state, intermediate school district, district, and school).

During the 2018-19 school year, districts with CSI, TSI, and/or ATS schools could access the *Blueprint for Systemic Turnaround* and receive technical assistance and training on assessing needs, as well as the *Essential School-wide and Center-wide Practices in Literacy* at no cost through the Calhoun Intermediate School District.

Beginning with 2019-20 school year, the Calhoun Intermediate School District will focus solely on supporting districts installing the *Blueprint for Systemic Reconfiguration*. *Blueprint* work will continue uninterrupted for eligible districts.

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Technical assistance on assessing needs is being incorporated into the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). MICIP is a pathway for districts to improve student outcomes by assessing whole child needs to develop plans and coordinate funding. More information will be sent on MICIP technical assistance opportunities as it becomes available.

Districts interested in training and technical assistance on the *Essential School-wide and Center-wide Practices in Literacy* may access these supports from the General Education Leadership Network (GELN) Literacy Task Force. Title I and/or Title II funds may be used for these purposes. Districts with CSI schools with a data-based need for literacy supports may access training and technical assistance through the Title I Regional Assistance Grant (RAG) awarded to their intermediate school district or educational service agency.

Questions regarding this communication may be directed to Bill Witt, Supervisor, School Improvement Support, at wittb1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance