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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals – 2018 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is authorized to award approximately \$285,000 for the Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program.

The focus of this request for applications is on the provision of research-based professional learning opportunities to teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals, which will result in increased learning for all students. These grants are available to higher education departments of teacher education in partnership with higher education departments of arts and sciences and high-poverty local education agencies. Please pay special attention to the priorities and funding criteria in the application package.

The purpose of these grants is to support partnerships in the provision of professional learning opportunities needed to achieve the goal of having excellent educators in all classrooms with deep knowledge of the content they are assigned to teach and instructional delivery skills to meet learning needs of all students.

Guidelines and instructions for the 2017-2018 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Program are located on the MDE website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236-316396--,00.html>.

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Deadline for Submitting Grant Application: **March 16, 2018, 5:00 PM**

Application Available: **March 1, 2018**

Estimated Available Funds: **\$285,000**

Estimated Range of Awards: **Up to \$285,000**

Estimated Number of Awards: **1-20**

Project Period: **Date of official approval is anticipated to be March 30, 2018.
Project period runs from March 30, 2018 through
September 2018.**

Budget Period: **Up to 6 months**

If you have questions regarding this information or other aspects of this grant program, please contact Rebekah Emmerling at: emmerlingr@michigan.gov or 517-241-3384.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance