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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors Local Education Agency Principals

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

Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals – 2019 Title II, Part A, Teacher and Leader

Instruction Support Competitive Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is announcing a competitive grant opportunity for all Local Education Agencies (LEA) (including ISD/ESA, traditional public districts, and public school academies) in Michigan. Based on preliminary numbers, the MDE expects to have funds available for Michigan LEAs through a competitive grant opportunity associated with the Title II, Part A, Teacher and Leader Instruction Competitive Grant. These funds will be made available upon a successful application, and award notification, competitive score, **and are dependent upon available federal funds.** In the interest of making these funds available to Michigan LEAs for the start of the 2019-2020 academic year, the MDE is opening the application prior to final federal allocations. By doing this, the final amount available for the competitive grant may vary.

This grant is aligned to Goal Three: "Develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce" of Michigan's Strategic Plan to become a Top Ten State in Education within Ten Years. The Title II, Part A, Teacher and Leader Instructional Support Competitive Grant is intended to provide LEAs with the opportunity to apply for funds to support the provision of high-impact, evidence-based supports for educators to improve instruction and leadership. Michigan LEAs may use these funds with the purpose of (1) increasing student achievement consistent with State academic standards, (2) improving the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders, (3) increasing the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement, and (4) providing low-income and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders.

Applications will be submitted through the MEGS+ system. Guidelines and instructions for the Title II, Part A Teacher and Leader Instruction Support Competitive Grant Program are located on the MDE website.

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Deadline for Submitting Grant Application: June 7, 2019, 11:59 p.m.

Application Available: May 9, 2019

If you have questions regarding this grant, please contact the Office of Educator Excellence at: bugniv@michigan.gov or 517-335-0859.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance