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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2020

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

FROM: Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
Division of Finance and Operations

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

SUBJECT: Public Comment Period on Approved Waivers for Title Funds During the
2020 COVID-19 Crisis

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requested and has been granted waivers, pursuant to section 3511 of Division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), P.L. 116-136 (H.R. 748), 34 Stat. 281 (Mar. 27, 2020), on behalf of local school districts regarding the use of federal Title funds. Please see the waiver request here: [ESEA Waiver for Title Funds](#).

These waivers provide local districts flexibility for the 2019-2020 academic year funds. The approved waivers include:

- A waiver of the 15 percent Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) more than once every three years.
- Extending the period of availability of FY 2018 funds to September 30, 2021 for the following programs:
 - Title I, Part A award used to carry out school improvement, direct student services, and Title I, Part D, Subpart 2
 - Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children
 - Title I, Part D, Prevention and intervention Programs for Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk Youth
 - Title II Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction

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- Title III Part A, English Language acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
- Title IV Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- Title IV Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Title V Part B Rural and Low-Income School Programs
- McKinney Vento Education for Students Experiencing Homelessness
- Additional flexibilities for schools receiving more than \$30,000 in Title IV Part A Funds.

As part of the waiver process for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local educational agencies and the public are invited to provide comment between now and two weeks from the date the memo is issued. For those wishing to comment on the granted waiver, please email comments to mde-essa@michigan.gov. Please indicate "Title Funds Waiver" in the subject line. All comments will be given consideration by MDE and attached to the request sent to USED.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance