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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2024

TO: FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant Recipients

FROM: Bill Witt, Manager *Bill Witt*
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Office of Educational Supports

SUBJECT: Update and Clarification on FAFSA Completion Grant Carryover

We have received multiple requests regarding the period of availability and carryover requirements associated with FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant Funds. We would like to take this opportunity to provide clarification regarding the period of allowability and carryover opportunities associated with the FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant Funds received by your district.

Pursuant to Section [388.1618a](#) of the State School Aid Act, unexpended FAFSA Completion Challenge Funds received for the 2023-2024 school year may be carried over into the 2024-2025 school year if the recipient district submits a carryover request to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

The Office of Educational Supports (OES) is developing a carryover application process for unexpended FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant Funds. Your district will receive a future communication detailing the carryover request submission requirements, process, and application due date. We anticipate this communication will be sent prior to June 30, 2024.

Please bear in mind that unexpended FAFSA Completion Challenge Funds awarded for the 2023-24 school year will expire on September 30, 2025, and any unexpended funds must be returned to MDE. Guidance on the return process will be provided at that time.

Questions regarding this communication may be directed to Alexis Han at hana@michigan.gov.

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