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DATE: April 28, 2022

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*  
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Section 802 - Library Pilot Program Grants

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce that application materials are available for section 802 school library pilot grants. Section 802 of [Public Act 87 of 2021](#) (page 47) provides \$800,000 in competitive funding to be awarded to local school districts headquartered in four counties.

The four counties that are eligible for school districts to receive grants shall include:

- (a) One county with a population between 600,000 and 700,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.
- (b) One county with a population between 11,000 and 11,300 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.
- (c) One county with a population between 400,000 and 500,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.
- (d) One county with a population between 155,000 and 158,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.

The eligible counties are as follows: Berrien, Genesee, Kent, and Mackinac.

The grants shall be used to contract for the administration of libraries of a school district by a librarian with a public librarian certificate issued by the Library of Michigan. A grant to a school district may not exceed \$10,000 per library facility. In addition, a district must employ a certified school media specialist to be eligible for this grant.

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A librarian providing contractual services under the pilot program may not provide library or educational services to a pupil unless the librarian has a valid Michigan teaching certificate with a library of science endorsement.

The application is now open and will remain open until June 1, 2022. The application can be found at the following link:

<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/gems/public/QuestionnaireHome.aspx?code=i4d1tcak>

Questions regarding this grant should be directed to Shannon White at [WhiteS29@michigan.gov](mailto:WhiteS29@michigan.gov).

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