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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2022

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

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Future Proud Michigan Educator EXPLORE Grant Announcement

Based on the success of previous Future Proud Michigan Educator (Future PME) grants and on additional funding appropriated by the state legislature and signed into law by the governor as [Public Act 166 of 2022](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is excited to announce continuing grant opportunities for Future PME EXPLORE programming. These grants align with [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) goal 7, to increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage.

EXPLORE programs are intended to foster an interest in educational careers for students in grades 6-12. By building student awareness of educational strategies, systems, and professions, EXPLORE programs provide an expanded opportunity to grow and diversify Michigan's future teacher workforce. MDE supports all EXPLORE programs with a free student curriculum, free professional learning, and flexible implementation models.

Michigan intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), are invited to apply for funds to plan or extend EXPLORE programs. Grants of up to \$15,000 per school are available for teams to plan the implementation of new programs for students in grades 6-12 or to extend their current EXPLORE efforts from 2021. To learn more about the EXPLORE programs or to access the grant application, please visit the [Future PME Explore website](#) or contact MDE-PME@Michigan.gov. Applications will be open from October 7 through November 10, 2022. Additionally, interested applicants are welcome to [register for a webinar](#) to be held at 4:30 p.m. on October 20.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments

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