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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 23, 2023

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

**FROM:** Dr. Diane L. Golzynski, Interim Deputy Superintendent   
Finance and Operations

**SUBJECT:** Section 802 - Library Pilot Program Grant Application Now Available

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce that application materials are available for section 802 school library pilot grants. In section 802 ([Public Act 166 of 2022](#) (page 46), the state legislature provided \$800,000 in competitive funding to be awarded to local school districts based in four counties.

As the legislature prescribed, the four counties that are eligible for school districts to receive grants 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 only eligible counties that fit those legislative parameters are: Berrien, Genesee, Kent, and Mackinac.

The grants are to 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](#) will remain open until Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Please send questions regarding this grant to the Library of Michigan at [LMLibDev@michigan.gov](mailto:LMLibDev@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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