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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2020

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

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

William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent *WAP*
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SUBJECT: Public Comment Period on Approved Waivers for Title IV, Part A Funds
During the 2020-21 Academic Year - MEMO #COVID-19-147

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education, pursuant to section 8401(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), for the following requirements of Title IV, Part A of ESEA on behalf of local school districts regarding the use of federal Title IV, Part A funds. Please see the waiver request here: [ESEA Waiver for Title IV Funds](#).

This waiver would provide local districts with flexibility for the use of 2020-21 academic year Title IV, Part A funds. Upon approval, the waiver will include:

- Section 4106(d) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, related to local school district needs assessments for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E) of Title IV, Part A of ESEA, with respect to content area spending requirements for federal fiscal year (FY) 2020 Title IV, Part A funds.
- Section 4109(b) of Title IV, Part A of ESEA, with respect to the 15 percent spending limitation for technology infrastructure for FY 2020 Title IV, Part A funds.

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As part of the waiver process under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, local education agencies, both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs); intermediate school districts; and the public are invited to provide comment between December 28, 2020 and January 11, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. For those wishing to comment on the requested waiver, please email comments to mde-essa@michigan.gov. Please indicate "Title IV, Part A Funds Waiver" in the subject line. All comments will be given consideration by MDE.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors