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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 19, 2021

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

**FROM:** William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*  
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**SUBJECT:** Clarification - Funding for Summer Programming Grant -  
MEMO #COVID-19-178

Local educational agencies (LEA), both traditional public school districts and public school academies, continue to have the opportunity to provide summer learning experiences to all students pre-K through grade 12 with funding other than that from grants associated with section 23b ([MCL 388.1623b](#)). These funding sources include local, state, and other federal funds (including traditional Title funding, as well as districts' 90 percent ESSER formula grant funds).

There have been questions raised by some school officials regarding the days and weeks requirements of the state-appropriated \$90 million (section 23b(2)(a)) in federal funding allocated for grades K-8 summer programs as offered as part of COVID-19 remediation services. For those districts that have applied for these summer programming funds, the requirements are as follows:

A summer program must be an eight-week program offered to each "eligible pupil" (as defined in this section of law) who was enrolled in grades K-8 in the 2020-2021 school year. Each week of the eight-week period begins on a Monday and ends on a Friday, but the statute does not expressly require that the program be offered five days per week. In addition, the statute does not include a specific number of days or hours required each week for the summer program.

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The definition of a summer program **in this state statute, solely for this funding source**, also includes the following requirements for each summer program:

- Is offered at any point after June 1, 2021 and before September 1, 2021.
- Is provided to pupils in-person at a school.
- Is a program that was developed based on the input of teachers and is led by a teacher.
- Includes programming in core subject areas, including, but not limited to, mathematics, reading, and science.

As you know, applications for section 23b funding were due to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) on Thursday, April 15, 2021. If you applied for or initiated the summer programming application portion of section 23b and need to make amendments to your application based on the clarification provided in this memorandum, please contact Kevin Walters in MDE's Office of Financial Management at [waltersk5@michigan.gov](mailto:waltersk5@michigan.gov).

As a reminder, LEAs and ISDs will be required to submit to MDE the actual number of pupils enrolled in its summer program, credit recovery program, and before-school and after-school program by June 15, 2021. Please look for additional communication on the submission of actual pupil enrollment in the coming weeks.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors