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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

DATE: July 13, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent

Division of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Update - Funding for Summer Programming in 23b and 23c -

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On July 7, 2021, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law <u>Public Act (PA) 47</u> of 2021. This new law changes previous language related to summer programming found in Public Act 3 of 2021, specifically sections 23b (MCL 388.1623b) and 23c (MCL 388.1623c) of the state school aid act.

The specific changes for summer school are:

programs have been expanded to grades K-12;

- the in-person requirement has been removed; and
- the geographic residency requirement for students has been removed.

The eight-week minimum requirement for programs is unchanged.

Based on the changes to this law, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will reopen for modifications the application for summer program funding. All intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), are required to submit **by July 23, 2021** the actual number of pupils enrolled in summer programs and credit recovery programs, confirm interest in innovative practices funding, and complete staff stipend information. Districts must complete the final application even if there are no changes to the June submission.

To complete the application, districts must use the following link: <u>Section 23b and 23c Final Application</u>

Additionally, MDE has received questions from districts regarding funding for innovative practices found in section 23b. There is an option within the application for a district to verify its intention to apply for innovative practices funding, regardless of

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whether the district received payment for innovative practices in the May 20, 2021 state aid payment. Districts that intended to apply for the innovative practices program in April should pay special attention to this section of the application and indicate interest as appropriate.

MDE recommends that districts print a copy of the application immediately after submission to review for accuracy. For questions, or if the printed version does not align with a district's submission, please contact Kevin Walters in the MDE Office of Financial Management at WaltersK5@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors