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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 16, 2017

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
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**SUBJECT:** Announcing the Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement Grant

As a part of the State 2016-2017 school aid appropriations (PA 249 of 2016), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is releasing the Section 35a(3) and 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant. Funds allocated under this grant provide \$4,500,000 for an equal per pupil formula reimbursement to districts and public school academies (PSAs) that purchase a computer-adaptive assessment or one or more diagnostic tools, screening tools, or benchmark assessments that are intended to increase reading proficiency by grade 4.

Eligible applicants are districts and PSAs that have incurred a cost for the purchase of such an assessment prior to March 15, 2017 and the assessment must be administered to students during the 2016-2017 academic year.

The application for the Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant will remain available for districts and PSAs to apply until March 24, 2017. Districts and PSAs can find the application, instructions, and resources at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753\\_74161-367697--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161-367697--,00.html).

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Allocated grant funds will be dependent upon number of applicants and based on a formula for an equal amount per pupil for which the assessment was purchased.

If you have any questions regarding the Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant, please contact [MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance