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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 6, 2021

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 - MEMO #COVID-19-148

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The CAA provides appropriations for the federal government and includes COVID-19 relief funding to governors, state and local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education to address COVID-19-related expenses.

The CAA provides \$81.9 billion to governors, state and local educational agencies and institutions of higher education through a structure similar to the federal education stabilization fund that was included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Specifically, \$54.3 billion is appropriated nationally for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

State education associations (SEAs) with approved applications under the CARES Act will receive funds based on the state share of Title I, Part A funding. The CAA requires SEAs to allocate 90 percent of the funds to eligible local education agencies (LEAs) based on LEA share of SEA Title I, Part A funding. LEAs may use these funds for the broad range of activities previously allowed under the CARES Act, as well as new uses outlined in the CAA, including:

- The addressing of learning loss by administering assessments to determine progress, implementing evidence-based activities, tracking attendance, and improving student engagement;
- school facility repairs/improvements to reduce the risk of virus spread; and
- efforts to improve indoor air quality.

This information is fluid and subject to change as additional clarification and guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (USED) is provided. We will provide updates as more information becomes available.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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