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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2021

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

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Change to State Aid Deductions for Noncertification

Effective May 19, 2021, Governor Whitmer signed into law Public Act 15 of 2021 that amends [MCL 388.1763k](#) and that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) worked on closely with the state legislature to modify state aid deductions related to noncertification of school district employees in the following manner:

- There must be no deduction for a period of employment in violation of this section that occurs between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 ([MCL 388.1763\(7\)](#)). The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will begin the process of reimbursing school districts for funds that were deducted for periods of employment during this timeframe.
- Beginning July 1, 2021, if a district or intermediate school district (ISD) is notified by MDE that the district is employing an individual in violation of this section and the district continues to employ the individual in violation of this section ten (10) business days after receiving the notification, both of the following apply ([MCL 388.1763\(4\)](#)):
 - The district or ISD must have deducted an amount equal to 50% of the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section that occurs before the expiration of the 10-day period described in this subsection ([MCL 388.1763\(4\)\(a\)](#)).

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- The district or ISD must have deducted an amount equal to 100% of the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section that occurs after the 10-day period described in this subsection ([MCL 388.1763\(4\)\(a\)](#)).

The deduction may be less if the state superintendent finds that the district or ISD was hindered in its ability to obtain a substitute credential to enable the district or ISD to employ the individual in compliance with this section due to unusual and extenuating circumstances resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities.

These conditions include, but are not limited to: a natural disaster; death or serious illness of the individual or another employee; an emergency school closure; fraud or other intentional wrongdoing of the individual or another employee; or an emergency health condition as defined by city, county, or state health authorities ([MCL 388.1763\(5\)](#)).

Upon request by a district or ISD, MDE shall credit the amount of an adjustment in payments under [MCL 388.1615](#) based on the employment of the individual who gave cause for the deduction.

For questions related to state aid deductions for noncertification, please contact Katie Schmiedeknecht at SchmiedeknechtK@Michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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