MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2015

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

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: 2015-16 Section 22g District/ISD Consolidation Grant Announcement

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2015-16 District/ISD Consolidation Grant program authorized under Section 22g of the State School Aid Act, PA 85 of 2015.

An allocation of $5 million has been made available to this program that will award competitive grants to districts and intermediate districts for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the complete consolidation or annexation of districts or intermediate districts.

Grants will be awarded based on the applicant meeting the following criteria:

- Complete consolidation or annexation of districts or intermediate districts occurring on or after June 1, 2015
- Well defined transition costs and completion time frame (available for allocation over 3 fiscal years)
- Significant financial/operational benefits and efficiencies
- Academic benefits for all students affected by consolidation or annexation

Application documents, supplemental materials and other information will be available on the State Aid & School Finance website beginning October 23, 2015. Applications will be accepted through December 22, 2015 and award determinations and announcements are expected to be made in February 2016.

Questions regarding this grant program may be directed to Jessica Beagle at BeagleJ1@michigan.gov or 517-241-6435.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance