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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D.
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DATE: July 10, 2007

SUBJ: Announcement:
2008 Title IID Grants Competition Has Begun

I am pleased to announce that the 2007-2008 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants competition has begun. Funding for this program has been awarded to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by the U.S. Department of Education as authorized by Section 321 of P.L. 106-554.

The grant categories funded in this year's competition include:

Category I: School and Classroom Formative & Summative Assessment

Category II: E-Learning and Virtual School Initiatives

Category III: K-12 Data Management and Student Tracking System

Category IV: Assisting Writing Instruction Through Technology

Category V: Educational Technology Capacity Building

Materials related to these grant programs and deadlines on submission are available through the MDE "MEGS" system. The Grant Award Notification will provide details regarding the grant award.

Podcasts and two live information sessions will be held this month to explain the available grants. Details for these sessions are on page two of the memorandum.

If you have questions regarding the 2008 grants competition, please contact the Office of Educational Technology and Data Coordination at (517) 335-2957.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

There will be two information sessions explaining the available grants held in July, each targeting different grants. Please see the schedule below for dates and times.

Tuesday, July 17, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For the following grants:
- Category II: E-Learning and Virtual School Initiatives, Projects 4 and 6
- Category V: Educational Technology Capacity Building, Project 9

Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For the following grants:
- Category I: School and Classroom Formative & Summative Assessment, Project 1
- Category II: E-Learning and Virtual School Initiatives, Projects 2 and 5
- Category V: Educational Technology Capacity Building, Project 10

The sessions will be held via Web Meetings. The Web Meeting Address is:
https://www.webmeeting.att.com

Your Meeting Numbers are: 8778109415 (OR) 6366513185

Your Access Code: 1177212

* ***The first time you use the Web Meeting Service, you will need to download the client software. Web Meeting HELP & Software Downloads can be found at: https://www.webmeeting.att.com***

PODCASTS AVAILABLE July 17, 2007

Links to podcasts explaining each of the 2008 Enhancing Education Through Technology Title IID Competitive Grants will be available by Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at the following address:

www.michigan.gov/edtech