MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2019

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity - School Mental Health and Support Services (Sec. 31n)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are pleased to announce the School Mental Health and Support Services grant opportunity. Section 31n (MCL 388.1631n) from Public Act 586 of 2018, provides funding to Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) for school mental health and support services, behavioral health team pilot programs, and monies for administering the programs.

The grant application will be open to applicants beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019, and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019. There will be one grant application consisting of three separate sections requesting individual confirmation for each of the following funding pieces:

31n(6) - $16.5 million for School Mental Health and Support Services
Applying ISDs agree to accept an equal portion of the funding for school mental health and support services for general education students. ISDs are required to use awards to provide funding to their constituent districts and public school academies (PSAs). Local school districts and PSAs will apply directly to ISDs and meet criteria outlined in 31n(7).

31n(10) - $500,000 for Program Administration
Applying ISDs agree to an equal portion of the funding for the purpose of administering school mental health and support services.

31n(12) - $8 million for Behavioral Health Teams Pilot Program
Applying ISDs agree to an equal portion of the funding for the creation of school-based behavioral health assessment teams. The teams will utilize a “train the trainer” model that focuses on age appropriate interventions, identifying behaviors that
suggest a student might be struggling with mental health challenges, providing treatment and support, and using disciplinary interventions as a last resort.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019, the grant application can be obtained in MDE’s Grant Electronic Monitoring System/Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS/MARS) at [www.michigan.gov/gems-mars](http://www.michigan.gov/gems-mars). Once logged into GEMS/MARS, a task will appear to complete the application.

To better understand the above-mentioned grant opportunity, timeline, and other pieces of 31n, all interested parties are invited to participate in an informational webinar on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. A link to the webinar can be found at [https://meet.lync.com/stateofmichigan-michigan/golzynskid/28K22YLY](https://meet.lync.com/stateofmichigan-michigan/golzynskid/28K22YLY).

Several interested parties have contacted MDE and MDHHS requesting a timeline of 31n actions. With the understanding that additional information will be forthcoming, please see the following timeline to date. MDE will provide further guidance regarding the expenditure of these funds as soon as possible.

March 1: Application available.
March 5: Informational webinar for ISDs interested in applying for funding.
March 18: Application deadline.
April 1: Notification of conditional awards. ISDs will be required to submit implementation plans and articulate how resources will be spent.
Early April: Release guidance for development of ISD plans.
Mid-May: ISD plans due to MDE/MDHHS.
End of May: Notice of plan approval and release of funds.

If you have questions related to the timeline or grant opportunities, contact Diane Golzynski at GolzynskiD@michigan.gov or Aimee Alaniz at AlanizA1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance