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MiConnect

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Project Description

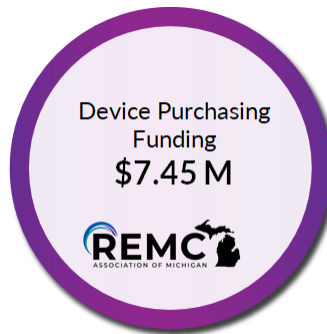
MAISA was awarded \$25 million for federal grant, [PA 0123 Sec. 602](#) (previously SB690, now identified as “MiConnect”). MiConnect is made up of three projects, **Device Purchasing, Connectivity, and Cybersecurity**, all centered around supporting distance learning expenditures that were incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease. MiConnect will:

- (1) increase the number of devices available to students for use at home and at school,**
- (2) expand internet access and connectivity, and**
- (3) support cybersecurity efforts and practices in the implementation of extended Wi-Fi and network access.**

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Different processes for each project...



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Device Purchasing

- MAISA has partnered with the REMC Association to award Device Purchasing rebates to districts who have purchased off of any REMC contract from **March 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020**
- Deadline to submit for the **\$25 per device** rebate is **November 13th (tomorrow)**
- Contact Karen Hairston with any questions at karen@remc.org

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Cybersecurity

- MAISA along with the METL Cybersecurity Task Force has held December 10th & 11 to host a Cybersecurity for all Michigan Educators
- Project leads include Matt McMahon (GIRESD) and Brandi Reynolds (TBAISD)
- MAISA will partner with EduPaths to create modules that are available anytime, any place, at no cost for all Michigan educators

[ESSENTIAL CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES FOR K12](#)

[EduPaths: Home](#)



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Connectivity

Funds allocated to ISDs

- Allows for regional connectivity work & collaborative efforts
- Ensures all funds are spent
- Streamlined administrative process given tight timeline

Regional Funding based on three factors

- Economic need - using percentages of economic disadvantage
- Available services - using geographic locale from EEM
- Other COVID relief funding



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MiConnect Project Supports

- Visit [Mi-Connect.org](https://www.mi-connect.org)
- METL Representatives
- MAISA Operations Office
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“Talking Points”

- Directing these dollars towards education recognized critical need continues to exist to support device and connectivity efforts
- Reimburse necessary technology expenditures to support distance learning incurred due to the public health emergency of COVID-19
- ISD allocations ensure support/oversight, full use of funds, and regional cooperation
- This will make a real difference for schools, increasing their available devices, improving their connectivity solutions, and providing economic support for their COVID response

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