



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANSING


RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

SHEILA A. ALLES  
INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 30, 2018

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

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Announcing the Section 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement Grant

As a part of the State 2018-2019 school aid appropriations (PA 265 of 2018), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is releasing the Section 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant. Funds allocated under this grant provide \$9,200,000 for an equal per pupil formula reimbursement to districts and public school academies (PSAs) that purchase a computer-adaptive test, or that purchased one (1) or more diagnostic tools or screening tools for pupils in grades K to 3 that are intended to increase reading proficiency by grade 4, or that purchased a benchmark assessment for pupils in grades K to 8.

Eligible applicants are districts and PSAs that have incurred a cost for the purchase of such an assessment by October 15, 2018 and the assessment must be administered to students during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The application for the Section 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant will remain available for districts and PSAs to apply until November 9, 2018. Districts and PSAs can find the application, instructions, and resources at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753\\_74161-367697--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161-367697--,00.html). Allocated grant funds will be dependent upon number of applicants and based on a formula for an equal amount per pupil for which the assessment was purchased based on 2017-2018 student count.

If you have any questions regarding the Section 104d Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement grant, please contact [MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – CO-PRESIDENT • RICHARD ZEILE – CO-PRESIDENT  
MICHELLE FECTEAU – SECRETARY • TOM MCMILLIN – TREASURER  
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY – NASBE DELEGATE • PAMELA PUGH  
NIKKI SNYDER • EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
[www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) • 833-633-5788