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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 28, 2018

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Information about the Advanced Placement (AP)  
Test Fee Reduction Grant for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

On March 22, 2018, a memorandum from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was distributed to Local and Intermediate School Districts stating that the federal Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction Grant is no longer available and laying out a new 2018 fee schedule for AP and International Baccalaureate (IB) test and registration fees for low-income students. This initiative aligns with the Michigan Department of Education Top 10 in 10 Years Goal #1, which states, "Provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality, P-20 system from early childhood to post-secondary attainment – through a multi-stakeholder collaboration with business and industry, labor, and higher education – to maximize lifetime learning and success."

While the federal grant is no longer available, the Michigan legislature has appropriated \$750,000 to cover these fees; enough money to fully replace the lost federal funding. However, the law governing these funds contains obsolete wording preventing the MDE from spending the money as intended.

On June 22, 2018 the Michigan legislature clarified the legislation pertaining to the Test Fee Reduction Grant. Qualifying students will pay \$5.00 per exam with the Test Fee Reduction Grant covering the balance.

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