



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL F. RICE, Ph.D.  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 17, 2021

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

**FROM:** Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent   
P-20 System and Student Transitions

**SUBJECT:** Birth to Five Literacy Support Network Hubs Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the Birth to Five Literacy Support Network Hubs grant. This grant is funded by the [Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five](#) (PDG B-5). Michigan was one of 20 states selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive this award.

From the PDG B-5, there is an allocated amount not to exceed \$600,000 for competitive grants to support the development of ten regional hubs. The regional hubs will provide programs, materials, professional development, and other resources for educators to support literacy learning and learners in their earliest years as the foundations for literacy and future learning.

The ten regional hubs will form a network to increase equitable access and improve early literacy outcomes where providers, children, and families can seek and receive specific developmentally appropriate early literacy supports. The network of hubs will collaborate to support all families and learners with resources aligned to those provided from kindergarten through high school graduation. The ten awards will be in the amount of \$60,000 per hub to be expended through December 30, 2021.

The Birth to Five Literacy Support Network Hubs grants will:

- Be equity focused, to ensure all racial and ethnic groups, linguistic and cultural groups, indigenous populations, low-income, and rural communities have equitable resources and programming;
- Offer high quality and effective programming built on existing programming and resources within the communities and regions in an ongoing, supportive, and relevant manner;
- Plan to be sustainable after the end of the PDG B-5 grant; and

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – PRESIDENT • PAMELA PUGH – VICE PRESIDENT  
TIFFANY D. TILLEY – SECRETARY • TOM MCMILLIN – TREASURER  
JUDITH PRITCHETT – NASBE DELEGATE • ELLEN COGEN LIPTON  
NIKKI SNYDER • JASON STRAYHORN

- Define “success” and identify qualitative and quantitative methods to measure successful outcomes of the programming and resources.

To provide support in preparing to apply for this grant opportunity, two live webinars will be hosted by the Office of Great Start on:

June 22 from 10:00-11:00 am at: <https://michigan-host.zoom.us/j/82373194351>  
and

June 23 from 2:30-3:30 pm at: <https://michigan-host.zoom.us/j/85915968830>

The webinars will provide instructions on how to complete the Birth to Five Literacy Support Network Hub grants. Grant application and reference materials are available to interested applicants on the [PDG B-5 site](#) at the Office of Great Start website.

Specific questions about this application can be directed to Joy Milano at [milanoj@michigan.gov](mailto:milanoj@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors