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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 24, 2021

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Follow-up to the 20 Hours of In-Person Instruction Requirement –  
MEMO #COVID-19-171

On March 9, 2021, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Public Act 3 of 2021, which included subsection 11r(4) (MCL 388.1611r(4)), in which the state legislature appropriated \$136 million in state aid funding to eligible districts offering at least 20 hours per week of in-person instruction to pupils by March 22, 2021. Please note that eligible districts are those that did not receive at least \$450 per student in their federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II formula allocations, the distribution of which by federal law was a function of the Title I, Part A funding formula.

In response to the new law, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) sent a [letter](#) to the legislature asking for an interpretation of language related to the 20 hours a week of in-person instruction requirement. MDE followed up with a [memorandum](#) to you on March 19, 2021, in which it provided clarification on other components of the law. The department has since received a [reply](#) from the legislature. We ask that eligible districts review the responses noted therein, with particular attention to the response to the department's first question.

Questions regarding subsection 11r(4) (MCL 388.1611r(4)) may be directed to Brian Ciloski at [CiloskiB@michigan.gov](mailto:CiloskiB@michigan.gov) or Jessica Beagle at [BeagleJ1@michigan.gov](mailto:BeagleJ1@michigan.gov).

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