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MEMORANDUM

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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: Title IV, Effective Use of Technology Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of the Title IV, Effective Use of Technology Grant. This grant is funded as part of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant in Title IV, Part A, of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) from the U.S. Department of Education. These statewide activity dollars are intended to support school districts with training, technical assistance, and capacity building specific to the well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and the effective use of technology. This grant will be awarded to a single intermediate school district for the purpose of enhancing the effective use of technology in schools by coordinating and integrating educational technology programs.

This grant supports Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goals 2, 3, and 6. Goal 2, strategies one, four, six, and eight will be supported by:

- Advancing the creation and transfer of student level digital badges from local district Student Information Systems to the MI Data Hubs for ultimate inclusion on talent transcripts.
- Developing Instructional Technology infrastructure supports for engaging student level curriculum support tools (i.e. Minecraft), including training, and professional development.
- Refinement of curriculum support materials on #GoOpen Michigan microsite. This work will include enhanced use of, integration with SISs and refinement and alignment of OERs at the object, unit, collection, and course levels.

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Goal 3, strategy two will be supported through the training and professional development that is created in partnership with educators across the state.

Goal 6, strategy four will be supported through the alignment of student level digital badges to industry-based standards and competencies. It is also supported through the partnership with labor and industry in the development of instructional technology infrastructures.

A total of \$80,000 in funding for this grant has been made available. The grant Request for Proposal (RFP) and application is available at <http://www.techplan.org> under the Grants tab.

If you have any questions please email or call Amanda Stoel, Department Analyst in the Educational Technology Unit with the Office of Systems, Evaluation and Technology at stoela@michigan.gov or 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance