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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2023

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

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

SUBJECT: School Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health Program
Reimbursement Opportunity

Pursuant to [Public Act 144 of 2022](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces the availability of section 31q ([MCL 388.1631q](#)) funding, which provides reimbursement opportunities for eligible local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISD), to implement a program designed to build social and emotional learning and positive psychology skills and reduce the high-risk factors on students.

The process for reimbursement will be done via email using the reimbursement requirements listed below. The reimbursement process will remain open until requests reach a total of \$2 million.

1. To receive reimbursement funds under this section, the LEA or ISD must implement a program that is designed to provide school staff with a tool for ensuring that students in grades 6-12 and early postsecondary students have access to, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - a) The opportunity to build the skills of social and emotional learning and positive psychology.
 - b) The opportunity to increase academic performance and outcomes.
 - c) The opportunity to navigate unique and personal journeys with simple frameworks that help create external and internal assets needed to make positive life choices.
 - d) The provision of support for mental well-being and tools for suicide prevention.
 - e) Tools to measure the longitudinal impact of efforts with actionable data on relationships, social and emotional learning, and internal assets.

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2. MDE will allocate reimbursement funds to eligible LEAs and ISDs on a first come, first served basis until funds are expended. If funds are depleted, an autogenerated response will be sent back to the sender to state that there are no longer funds available.
3. Expenses must be incurred on or after July 1, 2022.
4. Eligible districts can send requests for reimbursement to MDE-31q@michigan.gov.

That email inbox will be monitored regularly and will be time-stamped to ensure proper order of reimbursement.

When requesting reimbursement, please include the following in your email:

- a) The invoice that includes the amount being requested
- b) A receipt of expenditure by the local school district
- c) A statement that includes the following:

I certify that this expense includes a program that addresses all the following components:

- The opportunity to build the skills of social and emotional learning and positive psychology.
- The opportunity to increase academic performance and outcomes.
- The opportunity to navigate unique and personal journeys with simple frameworks that help create external and internal assets needed to make positive life choices.
- The provision of support for mental well-being and tools for suicide prevention.
- Tools to measure the longitudinal impact of efforts with actionable data on relationships, social and emotional learning, and internal assets.

Email submissions will not be considered complete and in the queue for reimbursement unless all of the items listed above are included in the email. Incomplete submissions will not be considered for reimbursement until complete.

For additional questions or to check the status of available funds, please contact Amy Wassmann at WassmannA1@michigan.gov or Aimee Alaniz at AlanizA1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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