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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Administrators and Authorizers

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: 2009-2010 Title II, Part D Enhancing Education through Technology Competitive Grant Program – 21st Century Learning Environments Initiative

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the application for a competitive grant to foster 21st century learning environments. The purposes of the grant are to foster and support innovative teaching and learning strategies, enabled by high access to educational technology, that help accelerate achievement in core academic subject areas, close achievement gaps, and prepare Michigan students for 21st century jobs. The grant program will be available in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) on **September 15, 2009**.

Funding for this program has been awarded to MDE by the U.S. Department of Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Title II, Part D program, CFDA Number 84.316. This competitive grant will be known as the 21st Century Learning Environments Initiative grant.

**Eligible Applicants**

This grant is targeted to local education agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs), and eligible partnerships (i.e., consortia of LEAs, PSAs, and/or intermediate school districts) that include at least one high need district (LEA).

**Submission Instructions**

The Grant Award Notification providing general instructions, scoring rubric, and supporting information for the Regional Data Initiatives grant will be posted September 15, 2009 on the [www.Michigan.gov/edtech](http://www.Michigan.gov/edtech) website and the <http://techplan.org/grants.html> website. Applications will be submitted within MEGS, with the window for submissions being open between September 15, 2009 and October 28, 2009. **Please read the application carefully for specific final submission date instructions.**

Questions regarding the content of this memorandum may be directed to the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, Educational Technology and Data Coordination unit, by email to [umpsteadb@michigan.gov](mailto:umpsteadb@michigan.gov) or phone, 517-335-2957.

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