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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public School Academy Administrators, Public School Academy Authorizers, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Greg Olszta
Public School Academy Program
Office of Education Improvement & Innovation

SUBJECT: Informational meeting to learn more about the 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant

Earlier this year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the availability of the 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant. The program is supported under Title V, Part C, Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP), No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The MDE expects to receive from the United States Department of Education (USED) a grant award of approximately **\$7,823,343** for use during the 2009-2010 school year to strengthen the pool of charter school developers in Michigan.

Early stage PSA developers planning for a Fall 2010 and 2011 opening will be eligible to compete for eighteen-month planning grants with an award date of December 1, 2009. These competitive grant awards will also provide up to \$160,000 in planning expenses; and successful completion of the planning grant, along with acquisition of a charter, will qualify the PSA to apply for further first and second year implementation funding of \$150,000 annually.

Applications for these eighteen-month competitive 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant Program funding are posted on the MDE's website (www.michigan.gov/charters). The deadline for submission of the application is October 15, 2009. The application is available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS)*.

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A public meeting has been scheduled for applicants to learn more about the Charter School Grant and application process. The meeting has been scheduled for the following location, date and time:

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA)

Annex Building-Room #1

33500 Van Born Road (within the Wayne RESA complex, also at 5454 Venoy Road)

Wayne, MI

(734) 334-1300

- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To reserve a place at the meeting, please send an email to Ms. Sandra Croom at: CroomS@michigan.gov by the end of the business day Monday, September 14, 2009. Please provide your name, organization or school name, contact telephone number, number of people planning to attend (and their names). Directions are attached.

Attachment

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