

Teacher and School Support Staff COVID-19 Grants

On October 27, 2020, the Michigan Department of Treasury and Governor Whitmer's Administration announced that eligible Michigan teachers and support staff who worked additional time and incurred additional costs during the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for a grant through two programs. Teachers who meet the eligibility criteria for the Teacher COVID-19 Grant may receive up to \$500 and support staff who meet the eligibility criteria for the Support Staff COVID-19 Grant may receive up to \$250. Certain conditions may result in a prorated amount. The Michigan Department of Treasury is required to distribute the funding allocated under the act and will mail the check directly to the employee.

Next Steps and Timelines

2020

- October 23 November 9: The district will pull the draft eligibility list from the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) Registration of Educational Personnel (REP) report and send Form 5734 to all eligible employees. By November 9th, we will also post a notice on the school district website and via email that eligible grant recipients have been identified and will provide an opportunity for written appeal of eligibility status to Sara Vereeke at sara.vereeke@innocademy.com.
- November 9: Last day for the school district to distribute <u>Form 5734</u>, the Teacher and Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Certification, to identified eligible Classroom Teachers and School Support Staff for execution.
- December 4: Eligible Grant recipients must return Form 5734, the Teacher and Support Staff COVID-19
 Grants Certification to the district or nonprofit nonpublic school in the form and manner directed by
 the district or nonprofit school. This is also the deadline to file an appeal to the district or nonprofit
 nonpublic school regarding eligibility.
- December 4 December 16: The district will review <u>Form 5734</u>, the Teacher and Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Certification, and compile finalized eligibility lists for both grant programs retaining a copy of <u>Form 5734</u> fully executed for each eligible recipient.
- **December 16:** Deadline for the district to upload and electronically submit the eligibility lists to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

2021

• **February 25:** Checks are estimated to be mailed on or about February 25, 2021 to the address of residency provided on the eligibility lists by the school district or nonprofit nonpublic school. Checks will come directly from the Department of Treasury.

Where can I find more information on this grant? Michigan Department of Treasury has a website with additional information on these grants. Feel free to learn more here.