



To: All Staff

From: Scott Grimes, Deputy Superintendent

Date: 03/12/2021

Re: Hazard Pay for the 2019-2020 School Closure Period (**Now includes GSRP teachers**)

The following memo contains updated information related to the MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants. In March of 2021 the state added Great Start Readiness Program teachers to the list of those staff that qualify for hazard pay. [MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grant](#)

Pursuant to Public Act 257 of 2020, Section 553 legislation was passed that appropriated funding for the GSRP, Head Start, Adult Education, and Young Adult Special Education COVID-19 Grant Programs.

This new grant program was created by Public Act 257 of 2020, Section 553 to recognize the additional time and additional costs specific program teachers in a school district or nonprofit nonpublic school spent to ensure learning continued when in-person instruction was suspended last spring. An eligible GSRP teacher can receive up to \$500. (Depending on FTE)

According to the guidance issued by the State of Michigan, **GSRP teachers must meet following eligibility criteria:**

- a. Prior to the issuance of Executive Order 2020-35 on April 2, 2020, the teacher performed at least 75% of his or her standard instructional workload in a brick and mortar school building at Grand Haven Area Public Schools.
- b. After issuance of Executive Order 2020-35 on April 2, 2020, the teacher developed tools and methods to deliver distance learning, take-home packets, or other methods described in the district or nonprofit nonpublic school's continuity of learning plan.
- c. The teacher certifies to the district, in a manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Treasury, that he or she worked additional time spent outside of normal working hours, experienced hazardous conditions, or incurred additional costs related to ensuring students could effectively participate in their school's continuity of learning plan.

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Please understand that the District will be following guidance provided by the State of Michigan to determine who qualifies for this grant payment. If you have further questions, please review The [FAQ Document](#) issued by the State of Michigan.

- See full eligibility list (FAQ #2). Basically, qualification for our district is GSRP teachers who worked for the District during 2019-20 school closure are eligible.
- Only GSRP teachers who worked at least 75% of their workload in a brick and mortar school building in our district are eligible

When the school district identifies eligible employees, those who have been deemed non-identified employees will have the ability to claim and appeal to the district in writing the determination of eligibility status by April 9, 2021. If you do not receive an email notice of eligibility by March 19, 2021 and would like the district to review your eligibility, please send your request in writing to Scott Grimes at [grimess@ghaps.org](mailto:grimess@ghaps.org).

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## NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:

By **March 19th**, The district will pull the eligibility list and send Form 5741 to all eligible employees.

By **March 19th**, we will also post 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 Scott Grimes, [grimess@ghaps.org](mailto:grimess@ghaps.org). (By April 9)

**April 9:** Eligible specific program teachers must return Form 5741 to their school district or non-profit nonpublic school in the form and manner instructed by school personnel. This is also the deadline for individuals to file and appeal to their school.

**April 19:** Deadline for school districts and nonprofit nonpublic schools to electronically submit their eligibility list to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**June 4:** Checks will be sent from the Michigan Department of Treasury to eligible specific program teachers on or about June 4.

Scott Grimes  
Deputy Superintendent