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P.A. 257 of 2020 was signed into law on December 29, 2020, which provides funding for the **GSRP, Head Start, Adult Education, and Young Adult Special Education Teachers COVID-19 Grant Program**. This program provides grants to certain classroom teachers who spent time outside of normal working hours or incurred additional costs or experienced to provide continuity of learning during the period of school closure in 2019-2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program does **not** apply to staff who were eligible under the first round of COVID-19 grants for classroom teachers and school support staff (MI Classroom Heroes - Teacher and School Support Staff COVID-19 Grant Program).

The district will notify staff members individually who are eligible for the GSRP, Head Start, Adult Education, and Young Adult Special Education Teachers COVID-19 Grant Program by email no later than March 19, 2021. If you do not receive an email notifying you that you are eligible and you wish to make an appeal, please email Adrienne Barna at abarna@ioniaschools.org no later than **April 9, 2021**.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has provided information and guidance, including FAQs, linked [here](#) for your reference.

Please note - GSRP, Head Start, Adult Education, and Young Adult Special Education Teachers are defined as:

- a full or part time GSRP, Head Start, adult education and young adult (ages 18-26) special education teachers who provided continuity of learning to students during the 2019-2020 period of school closure that resulted from COVID-19.

Please direct questions to Adrienne Barna at (616) 527-9280 or abarna@ioniaschools.org.

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