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## **Education Cash Management System Receives Flawless Audit**

East Lansing, Mich. — The State of Michigan, Auditor General recently completed an audit of the Department of Education's (MDE) Cash Management System (CMS) without any major findings. For a new system that managed over \$2 billion in payments and program funding, no major audit findings is extraordinary.

MDE and the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget (DTMB) built CMS to streamline and improve its business processes to better support local school districts across Michigan. The project improved financial controls and customer service to better utilize federal and state funding and grant moneys.

"The State of Michigan now has a new payment process that improves cash flow for education agencies across Michigan. It helps agencies review and manage their reimbursements, program funding, and budgets across fiscal years to avoid recapture of federal funds and save administrative costs. The new system (CMS) sdpassed all of the state's audit requirements without any findings, which demonstrates how the hard work of our team has created a solid system," stated Craig Thurman, Assistant Director of MDE's Office of Financial Management, and manager of CMS.

Stacie Dubie of Agate Software ([www.agatesoftware.com](http://www.agatesoftware.com)) led the software development team, Louis Burgess, MDE Supervisor for Grants Administration and Coordination, was Project Director, and William A. Maas of A.J. Boggs & Company ([www.ajboggs.com](http://www.ajboggs.com)) was the Project Manager.

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