

Michigan Legislative Issues and a Look at Election Year Politics



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Agenda

- Election Look
- Politically Speaking
- Realistically Speaking - Budget
- Questions



To understand **policy**, you must understand **politics**.



Redistricting

Redistricting happens every 10 years in the state of Michigan when the census results are released.



Redistricting

In 2018, Michigan citizens passed a constitutional amendment giving redistricting authority to an independent commission.



Redistricting

This will be the first election utilizing the new lines. The new legislative districts caused a massive disruption in the political structure across the state.



Politics, Politics, Politics

Polling shows Democrats could win majority in the state Senate for the first time in 40 years.



Election Landscape

Every state political office in Michigan is up for election in November of 2020 - including the US House.

Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, 110 Representatives, 38 Senators, 14 US Representatives.



Election Landscape

Political party conventions were just held to determine candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Education & University Board of Regents.



Politics, Politics, Politics

President Trump continues to have presence in Republican primary elections. His endorsed candidates were successful at the party conventions.



Governor- Republican Primary



Politics, Politics, Politics

Public education will be a major campaign issue with swing voters. School closures, Critical Race Theory and curriculum are divisive items taking center stage.



Politics, Politics, Politics

It's all about school choice/vouchers. The intent is to increase distrust in government institutions.



So how are **politics** playing out in the **legislative process**?



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Governor says Michigan Senate's \$2.5B tax cut plan isn't sustainable



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**Michigan GOP lawmakers push bill to
require teachers post full curriculum, lesson
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Whitmer vetoes Michigan election bills as GOP petitions to bypass her

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Petitions - Sign Here

Several ballot initiatives are underway. These initiatives are a way to side step the Governor's veto.

Petitions - Sign Here

If an initiative collects 340,000 signatures, the legislature then votes and if it passes it becomes law.

Petitions - Sign Here

Petition signature gatherers collect \$12-\$15 per signature. Many signature gatherers come from out-of-state.

Petitions - Sign Here

For \$5 million you can circumvent the Governor's veto.

Money in Politics

The cash on hand of Michigan's caucus PACs as of April 20:

- House Democrats: \$2,219,672
- House Republicans: \$4,242,494
- Senate Democrats: \$2,173,369
- Senate Republicans: \$6,210,143

Budget Questions/Predictions



Disclaimer

These predictions are intended to be helpful. They're best guesses based on many discussions. Everything is subject to change - or not.

These are best estimates based on the information available at the time of the presentation

When will the budget be done?

Early July for Schools.

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Weighted Student Funding Formula

Executive	Senate	House
Foundation: \$580 million (\$435/pupil)	Foundation: \$630 million (\$450/pupil)	Foundation: \$408 million (\$300/pupil)
At-Risk: \$222 million	At-Risk: \$0	At-Risk: \$0
Special Education: \$150 million	Special Education: \$0	Special Education: \$210 million
English Learner: \$12.3 million	English Learner: \$0	English Learner: \$0
Total: \$964.3 million	Total: \$630 million	Total: \$618 million



What will the foundation increase be?

If revenues continue to outpace projections - expect between \$500 - \$600.

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Educator Attraction Proposal

Executive	Senate	House
Scholarships:\$150m	Scholarships:\$25m	Scholarships:\$66m
Student Teacher Stipend:\$150m		Student Teacher Stipend:\$150m
Fellowship:\$50m		GrowYourOwn:\$214m
GrowYourOwn:\$150m		CTE Teacher Recruitment:\$14m
Innovative Partnerships:\$75m		Others



Will the educator attraction proposal be in the final product?

Very likely. Broad recognition there is a teacher shortage.

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MPSERS

Executive	Senate	House
<p>\$1.8 billion to maintain system cost increases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$12m increase to include ISDs in 147a.	<p>\$1.8 billion to maintain system cost increases.</p>	<p>\$3.5 billion - increase of \$1.7 to pay down the UAAL in the system.</p>



Will MPERS receive a significant increase?

Very likely. Chair Albert is committed to paying down debt with one-time funding. MPERS contributions has general support from the education community.

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Mental Health Initiatives

Executive	Senate	House
<p>Mental Health - \$361m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRAILS \$150m• Personnel Grants: \$120m• Mental Health Grants: \$50m	<p>Mental Health - \$40m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRAILS \$10m• Schoolbased mental health clinics: \$15m• SMART Program: \$15m	<p>Maintains current spending levels.</p>



School Capital Infrastructure

Executive	Senate	House
\$1 billion School Infrastructure Fund. Split over 10 years at \$170 million per year.	Not included.	Not Included.



Will capital infrastructure funding be included in the budget?

Not likely. It is likely the legislature will want to pay down MPSERS debt. The question becomes where do they find those funds?

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Educator Bonus

Executive	Senate	House
<p>\$1.6 billion over four years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>\$2,000 (Year 1)</i><li>• <i>\$2,000 (Year 2)</i><li>• <i>\$3,000 (Year 3)</i><li>• <i>\$4,000 (Year 4)</i>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>



Will the educator retention bonus be in the final budget?

Likely in some form. The Governor feels strongly about the proposal. The legislature has other ideas.

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Will there be added flexibility for seat-time requirements?

No. But expect sec. 21f to be streamlined for virtual learning.

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What will lame duck look like?

Do not expect an active lame duck.



Should we worry about a funding creep with higher education?

YES. Significant increase in SAF spending for higher education.

- House: \$1.38 billion (FY '23) compared to \$817 million in (FY '22).
- Senate: \$1.76 billion (FY '23) compared to \$817 million in (FY '22).



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