Michigan Legislative Issues and a Look at Election Year Politics





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- 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.



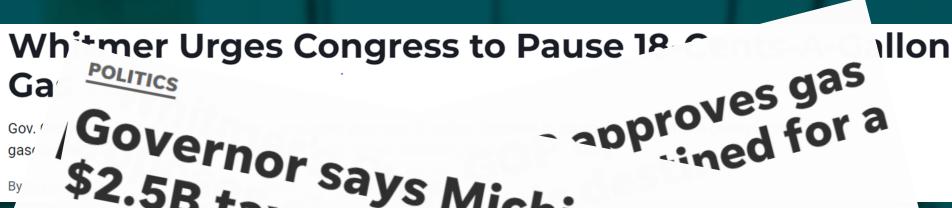
Politics, Politics, Politics

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



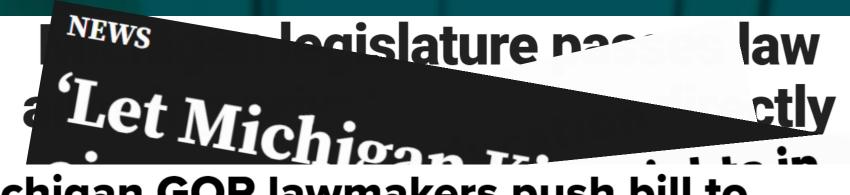
So how are **politics** playing out in the **legislative process**?



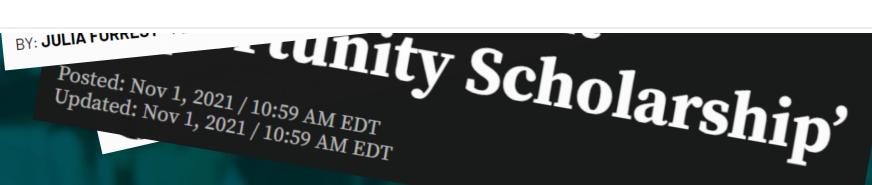


Governor says Michigan Senate's \$2.5B tax cut plan isn't sustainable

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Michigan GOP lawmakers push bill to require teachers post full curriculum, lesson plans



Whitmer vetoes Michigan election whealth petitions to bypass her health as GOP

Whitmer vetoes bill as department's emergency po

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

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

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

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.

When will the budget be done?

Early July for Schools.

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.

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 Innovative Partnerships:	ALC: COLUMN	CTE Teacher Recruitment: \$14m
\$75m		Others

Will the educator attraction proposal be in the final product?

Very likely. Broad recognition there is a teacher shortage.

MPSERS

Executive	Senate	House
 \$1.8 billion to maintain system cost increases. \$12m increase to include ISDs in 147a. 	\$1.8 billion to maintain system cost increases.	\$3.5 billion - increase of \$1.7 to pay down the UAAL in the system.

Will MPSERS receive a significant increase?

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

Mental Health Initiatives

Executive	Senate	House
 Mental Health-\$361m TRAILS\$150m Personnel Grants: \$120m Mental Health Grants:\$50m 	 Mental Health-\$40m TRAILS\$10m Schoolbased mental health clinics: \$15m SMART Program: \$15m 	Maintains current spending levels.

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?

Educator Bonus

Executive	Senate	House
\$1.6 billion over four years.	Not included.	Not included.
 \$2,000 (Year 1) \$2,000 (Year 2) \$3,000 (Year 3) \$4,000 (Year 4) 		

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.

Will there be added flexibility for seat-time requirements?

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

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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