



Legislative Update

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Budget – Exec Rec

- An additional \$500 million dollars to be taken from the School Aid Fund for non K-12 priorities. This brings the total annual amount to about \$1.8 billion dollars being diverted from the School Aid Fund and out of the classroom.
- This comes on the heels of a \$400M diversion last year to help pay for roads. We will continue to fight to keep School Aid dollars where they belong – in the classroom.

Budget – Exec Rec

- Foundation Allowance: \$325M increase, \$250 per pupil increase bringing the total amount to \$10,300 per pupil (2.5% increase)
- Weighted Funding Models: \$128M, 6% increases
 - At-Risk – \$78.8M
 - English Language Learners – \$3.8M
 - CTE – \$3M
 - Pre-schoolers – \$38.1M
 - Early On – \$1.45M
 - Small and Isolated School Districts – \$783,000

Exec Rec - Literacy

- \$6M for literacy essentials program
- \$10.5M to provide literacy coaches to ISDs, which would be one additional coach per ISD
- \$50M for LETRS training (one-time)
- \$100M for high impact tutoring (one-time)
- \$3M to Michigan Learning Channel (one-time)

Budget – Exec Rec

- Special Education -\$154M total increase
 - 535M funding for full foundation allowance payment
 - \$1.1B in reimbursement to districts, \$495M to ISD's
 - \$89.2M revised formula to equalize special education costs, including a one-time \$15M increase
- MPSERS \$1.9B total in state funding
 - • \$1.5B to cover state contributions exceeding the 15.21% payroll cap on unfunded liability costs for local districts
 - • \$307M to cover rising normal costs
 - • \$136M to maintain existing cost offsets

Budget – Exec Rec

- 31aa: \$300M to continue School Safety and Mental Health funding, 50M ongoing and \$250M one-time
 - Notably, the recommendation retains the current “waiver” language, which remains subject to litigation. It also includes intent language indicating the funding would return to \$50 million in the next fiscal year.
- GSRP Universal Program: \$819.7M. \$640 per child increase (total \$11,290 per child)
 - \$25M for startup grants for the creation of new providers and classrooms (one-time)

Budget – Exec Rec

- Student Meals: \$200M
- Budget Stabilization: \$125M to help stabilize operating budgets for districts experiencing declining enrollment
- Transportation: \$125M to offset student transportation costs (one-time)
- Section 164k (various reporting requirements) was eliminated.

Budget – 31aa

To receive funding, an eligible entity must **agree in advance** to the following in the event of a mass casualty incident:

- **Be subject to a comprehensive investigation**
- **Affirmatively waive applicable privileges** that would otherwise limit information disclosure
- **Fully comply** with the investigation process

Scope of the Investigation includes:

- Emergency response effectiveness
- Compliance with safety protocols
- Communication procedures
- Contributing factors to the incident

Budget – 31aa

The **Governor designates** the individual or entity conducting the investigation:

- State law enforcement agencies
- Independent review boards
- Specially appointed task forces

Investigative Authority

- Access relevant district records and data
- Interview witnesses and involved district personnel
- Issue findings and recommendations

Reporting Requirements

- A **detailed report** must be submitted to:
 - The Governor
 - Relevant legislative committees
- Report due **within 90 days** of the investigation's conclusion
- Must include recommendations to:
 - Prevent future incident
 - Improve school safety



Budget – 31aa

- State case
 - Court of Claims ruled for the State
 - Currently appealing to Court of Appeals
 - Court of Claims ignored temporal argument
 - Essentially said “it’s really vague but also clear”
 - Timeline for decision unknown – all briefing is done
 - Hope is to have oral arguments in February or March during “case call”

Budget – 31aa

- Federal case
 - Currently on hold pending state case
 - Distinct Federal constitutional claims
 - But - there is a possibility judge could find a way to punt and not decide on the merits

Budget – 31aa

- What about the money?
 - Rescission deadline has passed
- Part of the requested relief would be an opportunity to opt back in if the Court of Appeals holds that the language is unconstitutional

Budget – 31aa

- Preliminary numbers of schools opting in
 - 246 non public schools
 - 134 traditional public school districts
 - 2 ISDs
 - 135 PSAs
 - MI School for the Deaf
 - 518 total

Budget – Boilerplate - 164k

- Requires MDE to withhold 5% of a recipient's state aid payment for non-compliance on any of the following requirements:
 - Federal school meal rules.
 - Mandatory completion of the federal free and reduced-price meal application by all students.
 - Ban on offering students financial incentives to attend on count day.

Budget – Boilerplate - 164k

- Public disclosure of all student survey questions.
- Parent notification when a district uses a curriculum not designated by MDE as evidence-based.
 - Also requires districts to change curriculums
- MDE has said they cannot interpret this section

Budget - boilerplate takeaway



Cell phones

- Cell Phone bill compromise would establish a statewide prohibition on student cell phone use during the school day.
- The bill was adopted with a substitute that includes several key exemptions. The cell phone ban would not apply to:
 - Basic phones limited to calling and texting
 - Devices used for instructional purposes
 - Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
 - Medically necessary devices
 - District-owned devices
 - Emergency situations

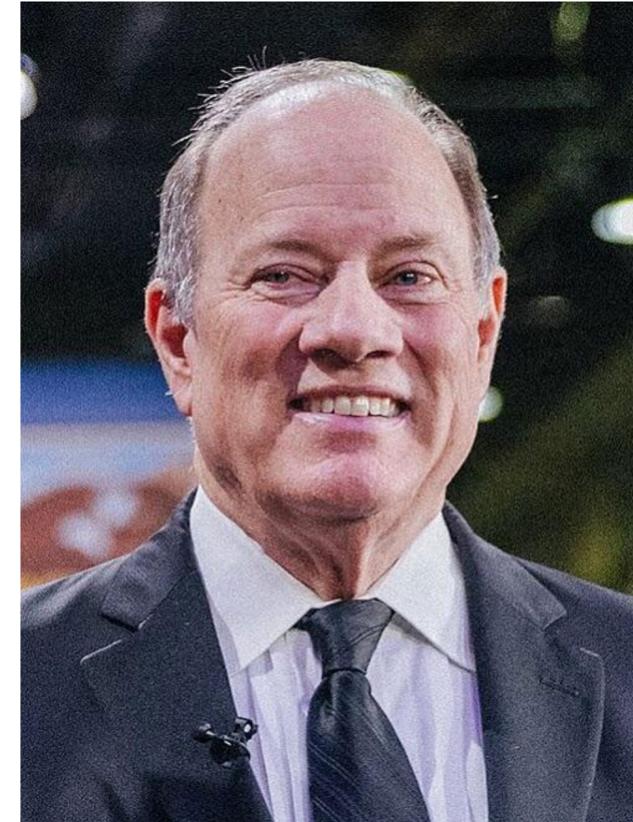
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- HB 4141 is tie-barred to SB 495 (Polehanki), which would require districts to develop and maintain a protocol for when and how students are permitted to use cell phones during an emergency.

Political Update

- Governor's race
- Fascinating dynamics
- Likely D nominee: Sec of State Benson
- Like R nominee: ...
- And the wild card



Political Update

- Michigan House
- Michigan Senate
- U.S. Senate





Questions?