

MSBO Joint ISD and School Finance Services Committee

Legislative Update

June 18, 2020



GENESEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Budget

- SAF FY20 (\$1.09 billion) shortfall
 - House Fiscal Agency—May Revenues are down (\$129.7 million) from May 15 CREC
 - Absent any additional state or federal revenue and/or flexibility on current CARES appropriations:
 - Estimated impact on LEA's of \$685 per pupil proration
 - Estimated total impact of \$80 million on ISD's
 - "Proration Letter" to Legislature has NOT been sent
- SAF FY 21 (\$963 million) shortfall
- August CREC

Federal Funding (CARES Act)

- \$3.8 billion to Michigan
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
 - \$389.8 million (90% to LEA's based on Title I allocation formula)
 - Relatively flexible
- Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund
 - \$89.4 million at discretion of the Governor to LEA's and Higher Education Institutions most impacted by the pandemic and other entities determined essential for emergency educational services

SB 690

- Appropriates \$880 million from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund in the areas of Agriculture and Rural Development, Education, Health and Human Services, Labor and Economic Opportunity, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Treasury
- \$143 million in “Education” appropriations:
 - \$125 million for child development and care rate reductions
 - \$18 million for “District COVID-19 Costs” including instructional recovery programming, benchmark assessments, or health and safety expenditures on equal per pupil basis
- \$25 million in Treasury appropriations (of \$327.5 million) for device purchasing, broadband, and low income connectivity program
 - Dollars would be appropriated to MAISA to make funding available to all K-12 districts in Michigan for device purchasing

HB 5761 and HB 5810

- Seeks to address anticipated property tax shortfalls
- Creates a summer 2020 property tax advance payment program in Treasury

SB 963

- Would delay the implementation of PA 160 (2019) requiring the legislature to present the Governor with a budget by July 1
- Note: This does NOT change the requirement for school districts to pass a budget by July 1

WHAT WILL IT COST TO REOPEN SCHOOLS?

This document estimates some of the expenses school districts may incur in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as they plan to reopen for the 2020–2021 school year. These calculations assume the statistics of an average* school district with 3,659 students, 8 school buildings, 183 classrooms, 329 staff members, and 40 school buses (transporting at 25% capacity, or 915 students, to comply with recommended social distancing guidelines).



ADHERING TO HEALTH MONITORING & CLEANING/ DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS

Hand sanitizers for students in classrooms
\$39,517

Disinfectant wipes for classrooms
(four/day per classroom)
\$16,833

No-touch thermometer
(one per school)
\$640

Oximeter
(one per school)
\$360

Electrostatic disinfectant sprayers
\$33,600

Deep cleaning of school after a confirmed case
\$26,000



HIRING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Additional custodial staff for increased cleaning/disinfecting of schools and buses to prevent spread
\$448,000

Ensuring at least one FT/PT nurse in every public school
\$400,000

Ensuring one aide per bus to screen student temperatures before boarding
\$384,000



PROVIDING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Gloves for custodial staff
(five pairs/day for two custodians per school)
\$1,440

Daily disposable masks for in-school staff
\$44,415

Disposable masks for students who do not bring masks from home
(est. 30% of students)
\$148,190



PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION & CHILD CARE

Resume before/after school childcare programs
(with social distancing and cleaning protocols)
\$168,750

Fog machines and cleaner for buses
(7 machines)
\$55,860

Hand sanitizer for buses
\$10,534

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AN AVERAGE* DISTRICT MAY INCUR TO REOPEN: \$1,778,139

*Costs will vary by district depending on many factors, including regional/market price as economy of scale (i.e., larger districts may have access to lower unit costs because they can buy in higher volumes), and the availability of labor and goods necessary to comply with recommended social distancing and cleaning protocols. Model assumes 25% transportation capacity to adhere to social distancing guidelines. (Bus fleets would need to quadruple in size to safely transport 100% of students under COVID-19 circumstances, which is financially unfeasible for districts.)

This list of costs is not intended to be exhaustive but illustrates how the overall cost of school operations will substantially increase to safely reopen as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on K–12 education, please contact [ASBO International](#) & [AASA](#).



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Now is not the time for cuts in education...quite the opposite is true!

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Senate Resolution 124

- Urges U.S. Congress to provide flexibility in the scope and use of CARES Act funding to address Michigan's budgetary shortfall

Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act

- \$3 trillion package passed by House
- \$90 billion in Gubernatorial grants
 - \$58 billion for LEA's
 - \$27 billion for Higher Ed
 - \$4 billion for K-12 and Higher Ed activities
 - \$5 billion to address digital homework gap

Credit Peter Spadafore, MASA (2020)

Return to Learn

- Summer School Programming (MDE Guidance)
 - “As long as the program is in compliance with the parameters in E.O. 2020-110, E.O. 2020-115, and E.O. 2020-120, local districts have the discretion to determine the delivery model of summer programs: remote instruction or in-person instruction within school buildings or in other settings outside of school.”
- June 17 Press Conference Governor Whitmer:
 - Schools may resume in-person learning in Phase 4 of MI Safe Start Plan with strict safety measures
 - Guidance provided via COVID-19 Return to School Advisory Council to Governor and COVID-19 Task Force on Education
 - Minimum health and safety requirements will be for ALL schools (traditional public, charter, private, and parochial)
 - Executive Order expected on June 30 which will include Michigan’s Return to School Roadmap

Questions?

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