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2024 ELECTION SUMMARY

Federal Government

The 2024 election resulted in a significant shift in the balance of power for the Presidency and the legislative branch. Donald Trump has been reelected as the US President. The US Senate will have a Republican majority of 53 to 47 Democrats. Four seats flipped from Democratic to Republican.

The leadership of the House of Representatives remains in a Republican majority. Currently, Republicans have 218 seats and Democrats hold 213, with 4 yet to be called. However, there may be some vacancies as some members of congress are being tapped to join the Trump Administration. This puts additional pressure on a narrow majority. In Michigan, the 13 congressional House seats experienced one flip from one party to another. Michigan's delegation is now a 7-6 split between the two parties, favoring Republicans.

Michigan Government

In Michigan, the balance of power will shift as the House of Representatives changes from a Democratic majority to a Republican majority. This is the only part of the existing "trifecta" that was on the ballot this election season and signals a divided government coming in the new legislative session. The margins in both chambers between majority and minority will continue to be close, though. In the Senate, the Democrats 20-18 majority changes because Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet won her congressional bid and will move to the US House of Representatives. This will leave a vacancy until a special election occurs and leave a 19-18 majority for the Democrats. In the House, the Republicans flipped four seats and will now have a 58-52 majority. Leadership for the two caucuses in the House have been decided and Republican Matt Hall will serve as Speaker of the House. The Democrats selected Ranjeev Puri to serve as minority leader.

Michigan Education Boards

Statewide positions on education boards remain in Democratic majorities, but Republican candidates prevailed in several of the statewide elections. The state Board of Education will remain a 6-2 Democratic majority as the two current Republican incumbents Tom McMillan and Nikki Snyder were re-elected. The University of Michigan Board of Regents remains a 6-2 Democratic majority. Republican Carl Meyers won the open seat to replace fellow Republican Ron Weiser and Democrat Denise Ilitch won reelection.

On the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, the balance of power remains a 7-1 Democratic majority as GOP nominated candidate Mike Balow and incumbent Democrat Rebecca Bahar-Cook won. The Wayne State University Board of Governors also shifts from a 6-2 Democratic majority to a 5-3 majority as Republican incumbent Michael Busuito won re-election and Republican Sunny Reddy also won.

Michigan Supreme Court

Statewide election results for the Supreme Court resulted in a win for incumbent Justice Kyra Harris Bolden and a win for professor Kimberly Thomas who was seeking an open seat due to the retirement of Justice David Viviano. That means the composition of the court will shift to a 5-2 Democratic majority.

SENATE BILLS

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- **SB23 – School Aid** – The bill modifies requirements concerning counting pupils in membership for pupils enrolled in certain work-based learning experiences. The bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and awaits a vote of the chamber.
- **SB89 – Child Care** – The bill provides for clean drinking water in schools and child care centers. The bill passed out of the Senate and is in the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.
- **SB285 – School Attendance** – The bill modifies attendance requirements for kindergarten. The bill passed out of the Senate and is in the House Education Committee.
- **SB354 – Teacher Licensing** – The bill modifies teacher licensing examination. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **SB463 – FAFSA** – The bill requires completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by pupils as a condition of graduation. The bill passed out of the Senate and is in the House Education Committee.
- **SB500 – Meal Programs** – The bill creates the free school lunch and breakfast program. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the chamber.
- **SB651 – Tobacco** – The bill amends the Youth Tobacco Act to add licensing requirements and prohibitions regarding sale and distribution of tobacco. The bill is receiving testimony in the Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee.
- **SB652 – Tobacco** – The bill amends the Age of Majority Act to exempt the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act and the Youth Tobacco Act. The bill is receiving testimony in the Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee.
- **SB653 – Tobacco** – the bill amends the Youth Tobacco Act to sunset several provisions, modify signage requirements, and rename the act. The bill is receiving testimony in the Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee.
- **SB654 – Tobacco** – The bill amends the Age of Majority Act to specify that it would not apply to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA). The bill is receiving testimony in the Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee.
- **SB741 – School Libraries** – The bill requires a school library in all public schools and participation in the interlibrary loan system. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB742 – School Librarians** – The bill requires a certified school librarian in certain public schools. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.

- **SB743 – School Libraries** – The bill provides a designated individual to supervise pupils in a school library under certain conditions. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB875 – Immunizations** – The bill modifies the grade requirement for certain immunization records in the public health code and requires department to adopt the immunization schedule recommended by the federal centers for disease control and prevention. The bill is in the Senate Health Policy Committee.
- **SB876 – Immunization** – The bill modifies certain provisions regarding immunization in the state school aid act. The bill is in the Senate Health Policy Committee.
- **SB877 – Immunization** – The bill modifies grade requirement for certain immunization records in the revised school code. The bill is in the Senate Health Policy Committee.
- **SB943 – School Aid** – The bill modifies certain disclosure requirements for public schools. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **SB944 – Public School Academies** – The bill revises requirements for a management agreement with educational management organizations. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **SB945 – Public School Academies** – The bill subjects educational management organizations to same bidding laws as public schools. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB946 – Public School Academies** – The bill provides additional requirements for oversight of public school academies by authorizing bodies. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **SB947 – Public School Academies** – The bill restricts public school academy real estate transactions with certain entities. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **SB964 – Youth Employment** – The bill modifies work permit issuance procedures. The bill passed out of the Senate and the House Labor Committee. It awaits a full House vote.
- **SB967 – School Board Members** – the bill establishes a requirement to publicly post names of school board members. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB995 – School Aid** – The bill modifies future educator student teacher stipend program. The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a full chamber vote.
- **SB1005 – School Funding** – The bill provides funding for school safety and student mental health. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB1020 – School Aid** – The bill provides fiscal year 2024-2025 supplemental appropriations for K-12 school aid. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB1025 – Special Education** – The bill modifies age requirements for special education services and programs. The bill is in the Senate Housing & Human Services Committee.
- **SB1032 – School Safety** – The bill requires mobile panic alert system in schools. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB1033 – School Safety** – The bill provides funding for mobile panic alert systems in schools. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB1035 – Water Supply** – The bill exempts the requirement for installation of filtration systems in child care centers and schools if child care center or school does not test positive for lead. The bill is in the Senate Energy and Environment Committee.
- **SB1036 – Water Supply** – The bill exempts the requirement for installation of filtration systems in child care centers and schools if child care center or school does not test positive for lead. The bill is in the Senate Energy and Environment Committee.

- **SB1059 – School Vehicles** – The bill modifies vehicles allowed for transportation of pupils. The bill is in the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
- **SB1121 – School Employees** – The bill requires regional school health coordinators. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB1123 – School Employees** – The bill requires regional school health coordinators. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **SB1129 – Health Benefits** – The bill modifies public employer contribution to medical benefit plan. The bill is in the Senate Labor Committee.
- **SB1130 – Health Benefits** – The bill modifies public employer contribution to medical benefit plan. The bill is in the Senate Labor Committee.

HOUSE BILLS

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- **HB4027 – Military-Connected Student** – The bill creates purple star school program. The bill passed out of the House Education Committee and awaits a full chamber vote.
- **HB4064 – School Curriculum** – The bill requires MDE to create a model program of instruction in cursive handwriting and makes it optional for public schools. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **HB4081 – School Counselors** – The bill establishes a minimum number of school counselors to be employed by a school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy. The bill received testimony in the House Health Policy Committee.
- **HB4089 – School Safety** – The bill creates a nine-member School Safety and Mental Health Commission to consult with behavioral and mental health experts supporting at-risk youth. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4092 – School Safety** – The bill requires notification of tips reported under the OK2Say program. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4095 – School Safety** – The bill requires that public schools and nonpublic schools adopt and implement a standardized response terminology plan. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4096 – School Safety** – The bill requires the department to establish a standardized response terminology plan. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4157 – School Attendance** – The bill provides an excused absence from public school for the purpose of sounding "Taps" at a military honor funeral for a deceased veteran. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **HB4225 – School Safety** – The bill requires installation of high-visibility markers on all rooms and exterior doors of schools. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4241 – School Safety** – The bill requires that each school building is equipped with at least 1 panic alarm. The bill has received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4242 – School Safety** – The bill provides funding for installation of panic alarms in school buildings. The bill has received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB4279 – Career Education** – The bill modifies requirements for taxes levied for area career and technical education programs. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Education Committee.

- **HB4288 – Education** – The bill removes certain provisions of the revised school code dealing with strikes and collective bargaining. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Education Committee.
- **HB4291 – Youth Athletes** – The bill requires MDHHS to develop educational materials and training program regarding sudden cardiac arrest in athletes and their return to athletic activity. The bill received testimony in the House Health Policy Committee.
- **HB4355 – Collective Bargaining** – The bill updates a reference to 1947 PA 336, the state school aid act of 1979. The bill passed out of the House Labor Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **HB4482 – Civil procedure** – The bill would revise the statute of limitations for minor victims of CSC to instead apply to any victim of CSC. The bill also extends the time period for filing after discovery from three years to seven years and the maximum age of the victim to 52. The bill passed out of the House Criminal Justice Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **HB4485 – Criminal procedure** – The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for criminal indictments of CSC. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
- **HB4486 – Torts** – The bill removes governmental immunity if an agency or employee knew or should have known about a prior act of CSC and failed to act or intervene to prevent subsequent CSC. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
- **HB4549 – Substitute Teachers** – The bill modifies sunset for certain requirements concerning eligibility to serve as a substitute teacher. The bill passed out of the House Education Committee and awaits a vote of the full chamber.
- **HB4648 – School Aid** – The bill modifies pupil membership count day and the supplemental pupil count to provide for an alternative day for the counting of pupils who are absent due to a religious observance or holiday. The bill passed out of the House Education Committee and awaits a vote of full chamber.
- **HB4671 – School Calendar** – The bill eliminates restrictions on school start date. The bill passed out of the House Education Committee and awaits a vote of full chamber.
- **HB4854 – Students** – The bill permits indigenous individuals to wear traditional regalia and bring traditional objects in a school building. The bill received testimony in the House Higher Education Committee.
- **HB4928 – School Vehicles** – The bill allows school bus stop-arm cameras and provides civil sanctions for violations. The bill passed out of the House and the Senate, and awaits signature into law by the governor.
- **HB4929 – Civil Infractions** – The bill revises judicature act to reflect distribution of certain fines to school districts. The bill passed out of the House and the Senate, and awaits signature into law by the governor.
- **HB4930 – School Vehicles** – The bill allows school bus stop-arm cameras. The bill passed out of the House and the Senate, and awaits signature into law by the governor.
- **HB4961 – School Curriculum** – The bill establishes an environmental literacy task force to develop environmental literacy model curriculum and report on the curriculum. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5025 – Educational Instruction Access** – The bill repeals educational instruction access act. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.

- **HB5051 – Education Curriculum** – The bill modifies merit curriculum requirement. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5063 – Medical Marijuana** – The bill allows students to be treated with marijuana-infused products and CBD products during school. The bill is in the House Regulatory Reform Committee.
- **HB5064 – Medical Marijuana** – The bill allows treating students with medical marijuana and CBD products at school. The bill is in the House Regulatory Reform Committee.
- **HB5098 – Dyslexia** – The bill creates dyslexia resource guide advisory committee within the department of education. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5135 – Special Education** – The bill requires at least 1 teacher trained in the Orton-Gillingham methodology at each public school to employ. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5174 – Anatomical Gifts** – The bill requires instruction in organ and tissue donation. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5231-HB5234 – Public School Academies** – The bills require certain authorizer and educational management organization information on school signage, advertising, and promotional materials. The bills passed out of the House and the Senate Education Committee. They await a vote of the full Senate.
- **HB5269 – Public School Academies** – The bill requires a public school academy to post salary information on its website. The bill passed out of the House and the Senate Education Committee. The bill awaits a vote of the full Senate.
- **HB5309 – School Zones** – The bill modifies the definition of school zone. The bill is in the House Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure Committee.
- **HB5329 – Seizures** – The bill establishes certain school requirements related to seizure awareness. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5334 – Firearms** – The bill requires MDE to develop a model program of firearm safety instruction for students in grades 6 to 12 by June 1, 2025. The bill is in the House Judiciary Committee.
- **HB5450 – Firearms** – The bill requires DHHS to develop and provide information regarding the safe storage of firearms to the Department of Education. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate.
- **HB5451 – Firearms** – The bill requires districts to provide information regarding the safe storage of firearms to parents and legal guardians. The bill passed out of the House and is in the Senate.
- **HB5456 – School Code** – The bill provides inclusion of incidents involving possession or dissemination of sexually explicit or abusive material in required incident reporting. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5549 – School Safety** – The bill requires schools to create behavioral threat assessment and management teams. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5594 – Youth Employment** – The bill modifies work permit issuance procedures. The bill passed out of the House Labor Committee and awaits a vote of the full House.
- **HB5649 – School Curriculum** – The bill requires public high schools to offer a computer science course. The bill passed out of House and the Senate. It awaits enrollment and signature into law by the governor.

- **HB5659 – School Safety Commission** – The bill revises school safety commission membership. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5660 – School Safety Commission** – The bill updates reference to school safety commission. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5729 – School Aid** – The bill provides funding for training teachers in instruction methods for students with reading difficulties. The bill is in the House Appropriations Committee.
- **HB5735 – School Curriculum** – The bill modifies the merit curriculum requirement. The bill received testimony in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5741 – School Curriculum** – The bill modifies recommended model core academic curriculum content standards for health education and certain guidelines for health education. The bill received testimony in the House Judiciary Committee.
- **HB5752 – Student Mental Health** – The bill modifies student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5815 – School Curriculum** – The bill modifies personal finance requirement. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5865-5867 – Dark Store Property Tax** – The bills would adjust the provisions on assessments of certain deed-restricted properties and the role of the Tax Tribunal. The bills are in the House Tax Policy Committee.
- **HB5889 – Criminal Sexual Conduct** – The bill requires the department to develop and provide an informational notice regarding certain crimes. The bill is in the House Criminal Justice Committee.
- **HB5921 – Wireless Devices** – The bill requires the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy to implement a wireless communications device policy. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5954 – School Safety** – The bill requires mobile panic alert system in schools. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5955 – Property Tax Exemptions** – The bill provides exemption from state education tax for certain residential property and certain agricultural property. The bill is in the House Tax Policy Committee.
- **HB5987 – Public School Employees** – The bill allows naming a special needs trust as beneficiary. The bill is in the House Judiciary Committee.
- **HB5990 – School Safety** – The bill provides funding for mobile panic alert system in schools. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5991 – School Examinations** – The bill creates pilot programs for a state-administered assessment system. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5992 – Education Examinations** – The bill modifies references to M-STEP to include a state-administered assessment system under section 104d of the state school aid act of 1979. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5993 – Trade Schools** – The bill includes trade schools in the postsecondary enrollment options act. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5994 – School Districts** – The bill requires a school district, an intermediate school district, or a public school academy to post certain information on the school district's, intermediate school district's, or public school academy's website. The bill is in the House Education Committee.

- **HB5995 – School Applications** – The bill eliminates fees for evaluation of applications. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB5996 – School Curriculum** – The bill modifies core academic curriculum requirements. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB6029 – Education Financing** – The bill revises limitations on mills levied for school operating purposes. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB6058 – Medical Benefits** – the bill modifies public employer contribution to medical benefit plan. The bill is in the House Labor Committee.
- **HB6060 – Public School Employees** – The bill provides defined benefit plan and retiree health for new hires and election option for current employees. The bill is in the House Labor Committee.
- **HB6061 – Retirement** – the bill provides defined benefit plan and retiree health for new hires and election option for current employees. The bill is in the House Labor Committee.
- **HB6068 – School Curriculum** – The bill provides age-appropriate, medically accurate, and objective sex education. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB6091 – Education** – The bill provides protections against harassment by an educational institution. The bill is in the Government Operations Committee.
- **HB6105 – Corporate Income Tax** – The bill increases the tax rate and revises the distribution of revenue collected. The bill is in the House Tax Policy Committee.
- **HB6107 – Licensing Examinations** – The bill modifies teacher licensing examination. The bill is in the House Education Committee.
- **HB6136 – Labor** – The bill eliminates mandated public employee contribution to employer provided health care benefits. The bill is in the House Labor Committee.
- **HB6137-6142 – Public Employees and Officers** – The bill eliminates cross-reference to publicly funded health insurance contribution act within several acts. The bills are in the House Labor Committee.