Legislative/State Update

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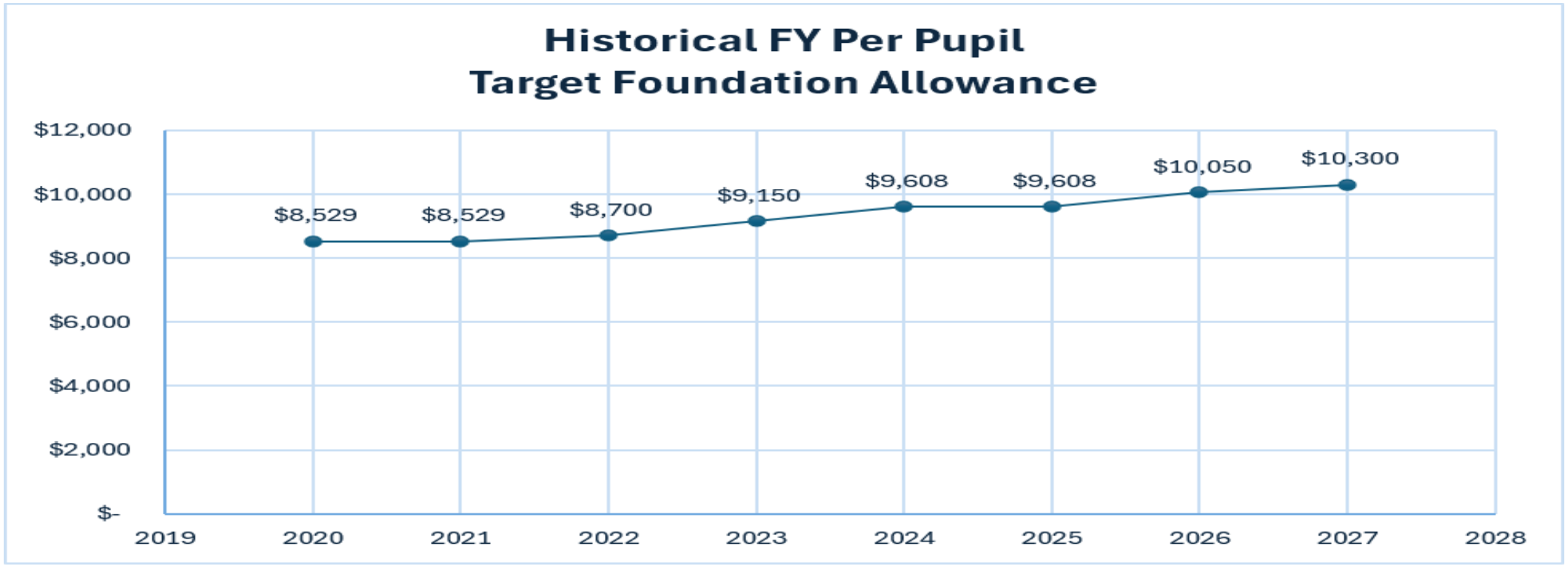
Agenda

- Current year and fiscal year 2027 (FY 27) budget:
  - Per pupil target foundation allowance
  - Adequate and equitable funding under Goal 8 of the state strategic education plan
  - Goal 2: Literacy
  - Goal 3: Health, Safety, and Wellness
  - Goal 7: Teacher Shortage
  - Goal 4: CTE
  - Other
- Q&A

State Strategic Education Plan Goals

1. Expand early childhood learning opportunities
2. Improve early literacy achievement
3. Improve the health, safety, and wellness of students
4. Expand secondary learning opportunities for students
5. Increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school
6. Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential
7. Increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage
8. Provide adequate and equitable school funding

Goal 8 – provide adequate and equitable school funding



Goal 8 – provide adequate and equitable school funding

NEW-Weighted Pupil Membership

Funding for economically disadvantaged students (sec. 31a) and English Learners (sec. 41) shifted to sec. 22b(3)

- $1.63 billion in funding for sec. 22b(3)
- 20% increase compared to FY 26 (sec. 31a/41)

Goal 8 – provide adequate and equitable school funding

- $**5.1 million** increase for students with disabilities (sec. 51e)

Goal 8 – provide adequate and equitable school funding

- $**1.31 million** increase for students in rural and isolated districts (sec. 22d)
    - This is an increase of 10% compared to FY 26

Goal 8 – provide adequate and equitable school funding

$125 million is maintained to reimburse districts for the costs of school transportation (sec. 22l)

$6.1 million in funding is maintained for partnership school districts (sec. 21h)

Goal 7 – increase the number of certified teachers in areas of shortage

- **$25 million** in funding is maintained for the MI Future Educator Fellowship Program (sec. 27a)
- **$25 million** in funding for Grow Your Own (sec. 27b)
- **$57** million in funding for Mi Future Educator Stipends (sec. 27c)

Goal 7 – increase the number of certified teachers in areas of shortage

$150 million (one time) for Educator Compensation Program (sec. 27l)

Goal 3 – improve health, safety, and wellness of students

$202 million in funding for the Michigan School Meals program(sec. 30d)

- This includes $2 million in GF for nonpublic schools already serving breakfast and lunch under the federal programs

- **$4 million** in funding for 10 cents per meal (sec. 31j)

Goal 3 – improve health, safety, and wellness of students

$310 million in funding for Mental Health and School Safety (sec. 31aa)

- $73.53 per pupil for mental health
- $147.06 per pupil for school safety
- Waiver language remains and relates to school safety funds only

Goal 2 – improve early literacy achievement

$52.5 million in funding for Early Literacy Teacher Coaches (sec. 35a(4))

- This is an increase of $10.5 million, or 20% compared to FY 26

Goal 2 – improve early literacy achievement

New - $6 million in funding for Literacy Essentials (sec. 35o)

$75 million in funding for LETRS (sec. 35a (10))

- This is an increase of $65 million, or 650% compared to FY 26

Goal 1 – expand early childhood learning opportunities

$700.35 million for Great Start Readiness Program (sec. 32d - MiLEAP)

- This is an increase of $74.1 million, or 11.8% compared to FY 26

Goal 1 – expand early childhood learning opportunities

NEW - $30 million in funding for Early Learning Partnerships (sec. 32p)

$26.1 million in funding for Early On (sec. 54d), this is a 10.2% increase from FY 26

Goal 4 – expand learning opportunities for all students

$45.9 million in funding for CTE Programming (sec. 61a)

- This is an increase of $4.25 million, or 10.2% compared to FY 26

$9.2 million in funding for CTE Middle College Program (sec. 61b)

- This is an increase of $852,400 or 10.2% compared to FY 26

Goal 4 – expand learning opportunities for all students

New - $40 million in funding for Dual Enrollment Incentives (sec. 21b)

New - $900k in funding for Hospitality and Tourism CTE Grants (sec. 67d)

Students First – Additional Funding for Programming

- **New - $5 million** in (one-time) funding to support improvement in mathematics

- **New - $50 million** in (one-time) funding *to districts* for High-Impact Tutoring (sec. 35p)

- **New - $500,000** in funding for Educator on Loan Program (sec. 27t)

Notable Sections/Programs Eliminated

Sec. 11s-Flint Declaration of Emergency-$5 million

Sec. 35m-Literacy Supports-$14.4 million

State School Aid Funding in Higher Education and Community Colleges

- In FY 26, the total amount of School Aid funding to higher education and community colleges was over $1.3 billion. In FY 27, the legislature increased this amount to $1.7 billion.

Questions?

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