

PUTTING E-RATE TO WORK

**How to Save Even More Money by
Leveraging the E-Rate Program**

2024 MSBO Annual Conference

Amway Grand Plaza

What's on Tap

- Introducing your State E-rate Coordinator!
- (Brief) Introduction to E-rate
- So What?
- Questions?



MEET JOE POLASEK!

State E-rate Coordinator, MI Dept. of Education



Your Friendly Neighborhood State E-Rate Coordinator

...seen here “not listening!”
as Miracle Max with “Valerie”



E-RATE: THE (RE)INTRODUCTION

A Far-Too-Brief Intro to the E-rate Program



THE DECISION- MAKING HIERARCHY OF E-RATE



CONGRESS

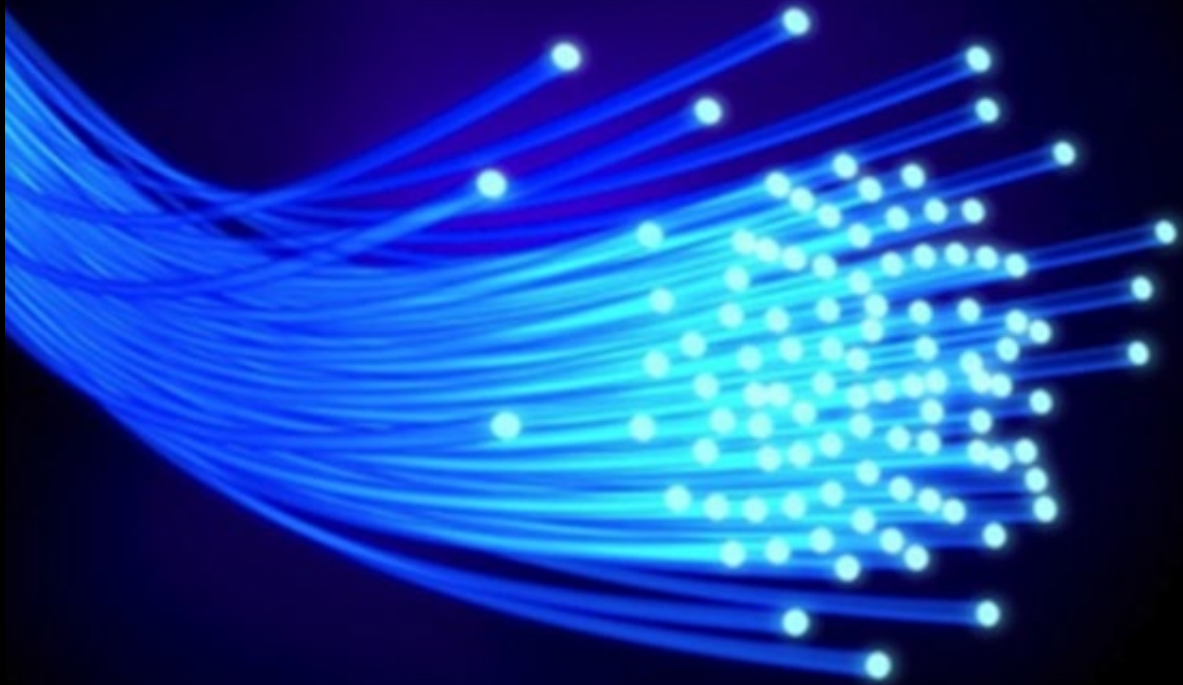
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“Help ensure that schools and libraries can obtain high-speed internet access and telecommunications at affordable rates and keep students and library patrons connected to broadband by providing a discount on eligible services.”

Mission Statement: Schools and Libraries Program



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CATEGORIES OF SERVICE: “TO” AND “THROUGH”

E-Rate: The Cycle

Seek Bids

- Form 470

Apply for
Discounts

- Form 471

Start
Service

- Form 486

Invoice

- Form 472 **OR** Form 474

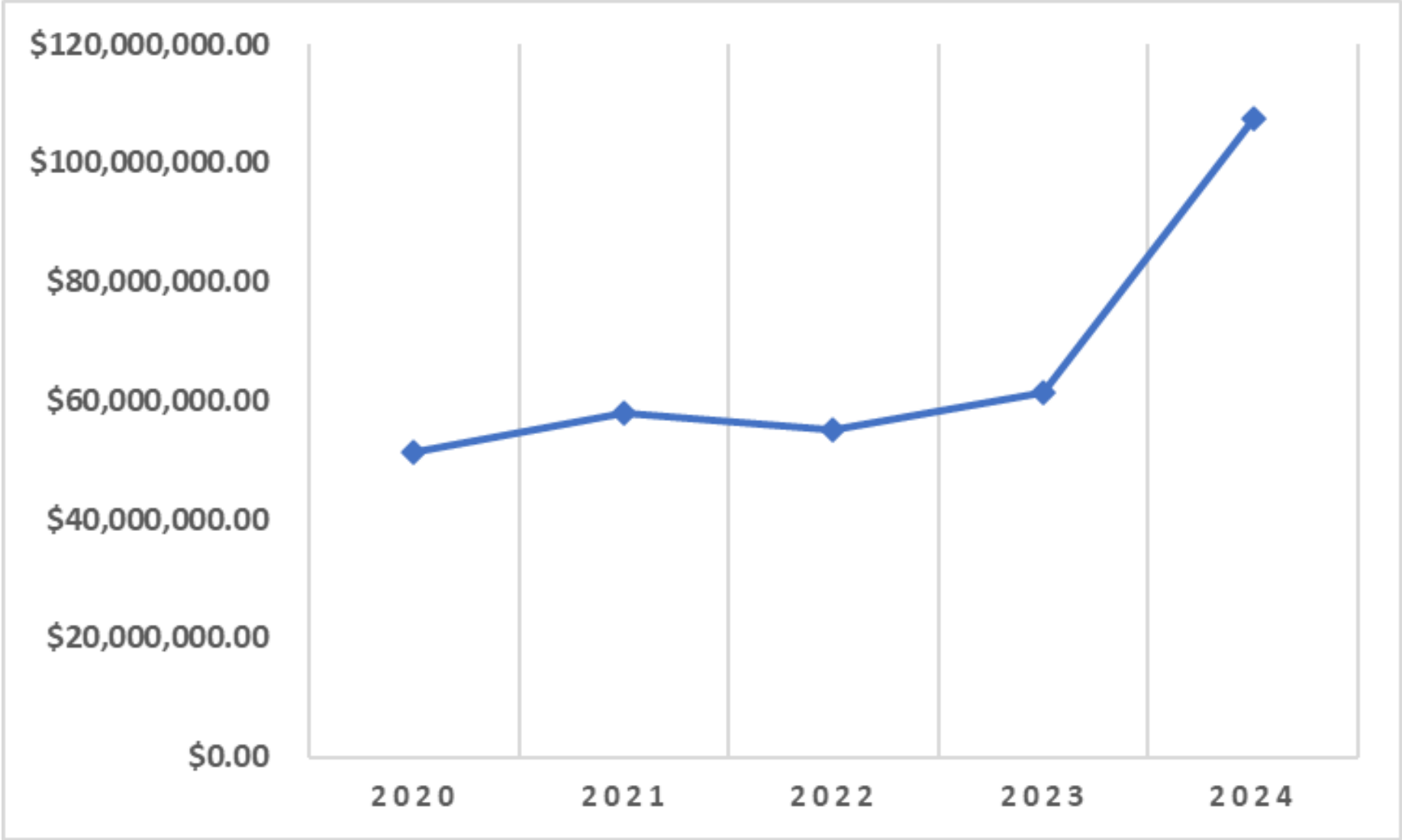


E-RATE: THE BENEFITS

It's Not JUST About the Money...

**...BUT IT'S
ALSO VERY
MUCH
ABOUT THE
MONEY**

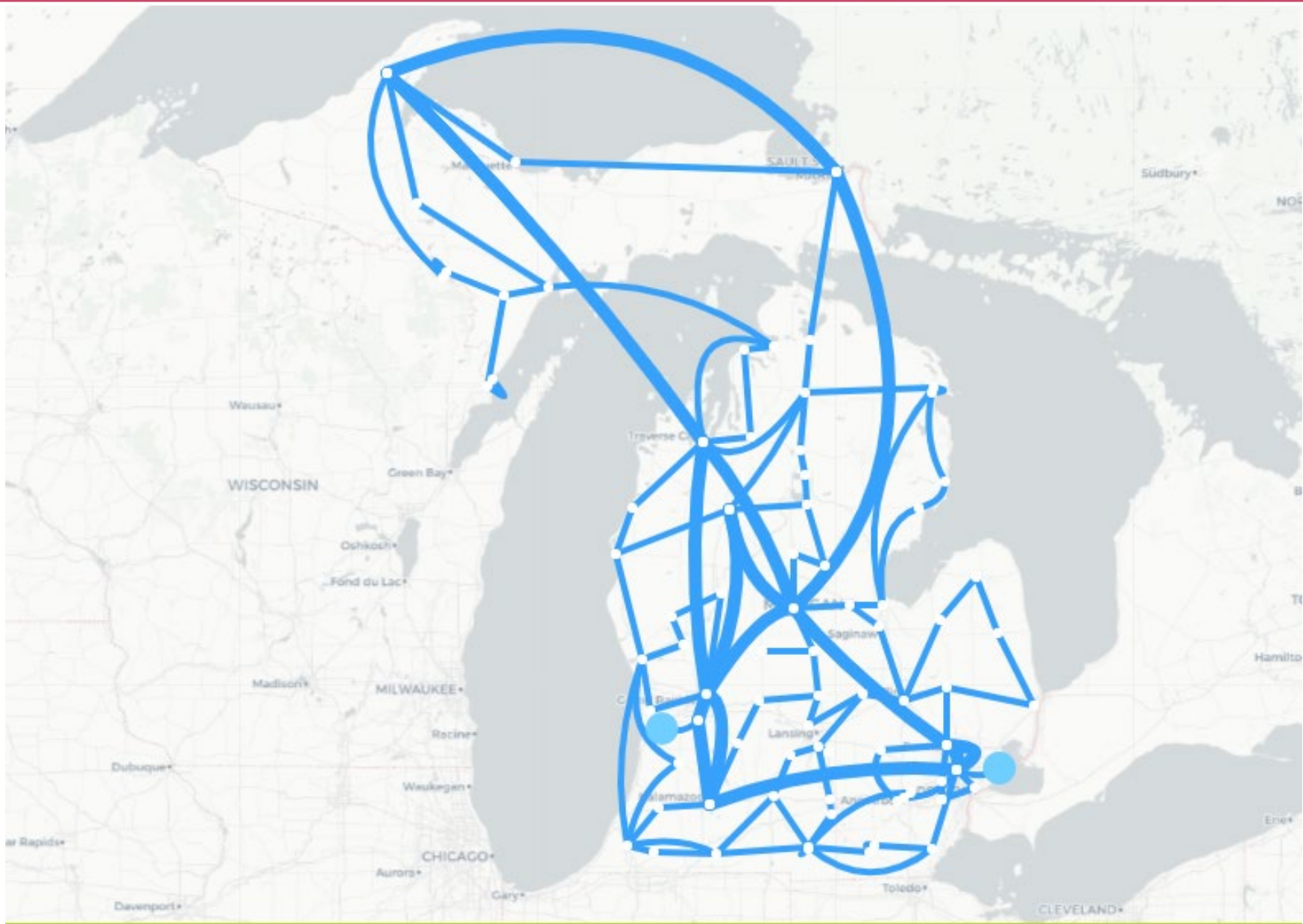






misen

Michigan Statewide Educational Network





**...AND WE'RE HERE TO
HELP!!**

State-Level action on Broadband



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State-level Broadband and Connectivity Resources

- MiSEN- the Statewide Educational Network
 - <https://www.misen.org/>
- MiSecure- MDR Security for K-12
 - <https://misecure.org/>
- Michigan Highspeed Internet Office:
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi>
- Merit Network's "Michigan Moonshot"
 - <https://www.merit.edu/community/moonshot/>





Questions?

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