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Legislative Update

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Legislature Passes FY 2024-2025 State Budget



Early in the morning of June 27, the Legislature passed the fiscal year 2024-2025 state budget, comprised of General Appropriations for state departments and Education Appropriations for school aid, community colleges, and higher education.

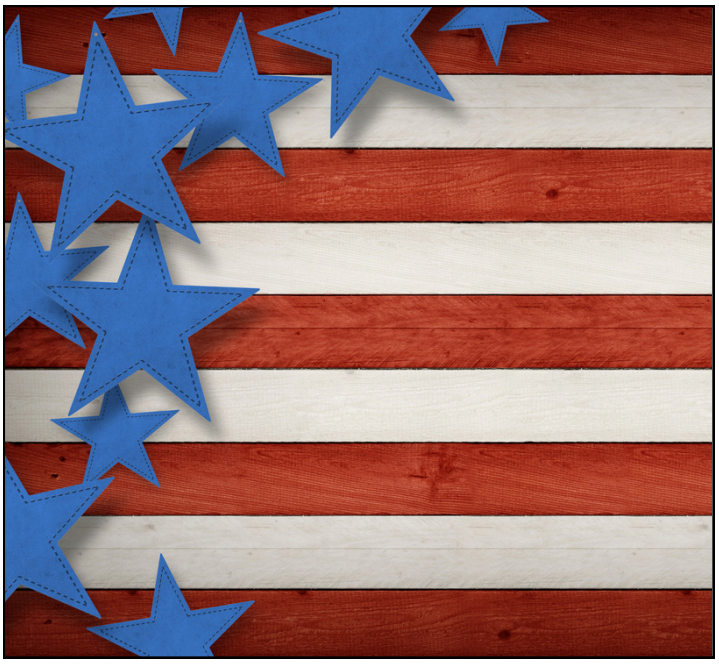
The Education Omnibus Appropriations was given immediate effect; so, once it is signed into law by Governor Whitmer, it can take effect in time for the start of school fiscal years. The budget signing is expected to take place by Tuesday, July 2.

Below is a broad overview of appropriations for school aid. We will continue working through line items and share more information in the near future. In the meantime, for more details:

- **Click here** for the House Fiscal Agency analysis of the Education Omnibus Budget
- **Click here** for the Senate Fiscal Agency analysis of the Education Omnibus Budget
- **Click here** for the House Fiscal Agency district-by-district breakdown of the School Aid Budget (does not include reductions in Section 31aa per-pupil school safety & mental health funding)

What's In the School Aid Budget

- A 5.75 percentage point decrease in the rate school districts pay into the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System (MPSERS), estimated to save $589 million that can be used in classrooms. However, we are still waiting on legislation that would ensure this reduction in district costs is made permanent in either **HB 5803** or **SB 911**.
- No increase in the foundation allowance
- $181.5 million in one-time funding for districts to reimburse employees hired before September 4, 2012, for paying 3% of their salaries for retiree healthcare; HB 5803 and SB 911 would make this change permanent as well
- Funding for the Great Start Readiness Program, school safety, before- and after-school programs, literacy programs, and Grow-Your-Own efforts in Talent Together
- Continued funding for OPTIMISE
- $3 million continued funding for the MITTIN remote learning library
- $1 million continued funding for Project SEARCH
- $1.4 million increase for Early On
- No changes to Section 56 special education equalization
- No funding for MiSerc
- A reduction in the aforementioned Section 31aa per-pupil schools safety and mental health categorical
- $500,000 for a special education study



LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED FOR SUMMER RECESS

Following passage of the fiscal year 2024-2025 state budget and a multitude of other policy bills on June 26 and into June 27, the Michigan Legislature adjourned for summer recess. Several session days are scheduled between the Legislature's return to Lansing after Labor Day and the November 7th general election, but the degree of legislative activity that will take place during that timeframe is yet to be seen.

MAASE wishes you a happy and safe Fourth of July!

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PUTS FORTH REMEDIAL SENATE MAP FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL

On June 26, Michigan's Independent Redistricting Commission adopted a **remedial Detroit-area Senate map**, sending it to the three-judge federal panel for review/approval. In November 2023, the panel mandated that Michigan redraw Senate Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11, based on its finding they were mapped unconstitutionally in 2021.

The remedial map includes geographic changes to amended Senate districts 1-11, 13, 23, and 24. If approved, the map will be put in place for the 2026 midterm elections, when Michigan Senate seats will be up for a vote.

