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Legislative Update

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Unofficial Election Results

There was much at stake in this year's general election, with party control on the line at the federal and state levels. Ultimately, Republicans won control of the presidency and U.S. Senate, with party majority in the U.S. House still unknown. At the state level, Republicans regained the Michigan House, eliminating (as of January 2025) the trifecta Democrats had secured in the 2022 midterms. The following is a broad overview of unofficial election results.

President

In the early morning hours of November 6, **former President Donald Trump** was declared the winner, ultimately securing 295 electoral votes to **Vice President Kamala Harris'** 226. It wasn't until later in the day that Trump was announced the winner of Michigan, earning 49.8% of the state's votes versus 48.3% for Harris. Our state was the last of the seven "battleground" states to be called, with Trump winning all seven.

U.S. Senate

Of 100 U.S. Senate seats, 34 were up for election. Among the most competitive of the races was between **U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin** (D) and **Mike Rogers** (R). Slotkin was able to squeak by Rogers with a 48.6% to 48.3% victory.

Going into the election, Democrats held the Senate majority with 51 seats. With the election's unofficial winners, the Senate flips to a Republican majority. The current count



stands at 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats. As of the morning of November 8, two races (Arizona and Nevada) are yet to be called.

U.S. House of Representatives

All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives were up for election, with Republicans in control by only two seats going into November 5th. As of the morning of November 8, the chamber count stands at 211 Republicans, 199 Democrats, with results from 25 races yet to come in. The House call could still be days away.

Among Michigan's delegation, all incumbent contenders retained their seats. New to the 119th Congress will be **Tom Barrett** (R-MI-7) and **Kristen McDonald Rivet** (D-MI-8).

Michigan Legislature

Republicans regained control of the State House and will have a 58-52 majority beginning in January 2025. Incumbents **Jaime Churches** (D-27-Wyandotte), **Nate Shannon** (D-58-Sterling Heights), **Jim Haadsma** (D-44-Battle Creek), and **Jenn Hill** (D-109-Marquette) lost re-election bids, though all other incumbents were victorious.

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School Bond, Millage Proposals Roundup

A total of 429 proposals were put before voters on local ballots across the state in the 2024 election, with 82% (352) passing.

Of the 29 **school bond proposals,** 62% (18) passed, ranging from $2.06 million to $188.7 million:

- Airport Community Schools (Wayne): $32.8 million
- Baldwin Community Schools (Newaygo): $48.8 million
- Bellaire Public Schools (Antrim): $2.5 million
- Carman Ainsworth Community Schools (Genesee): $65.2 million
- Crestwood School District (Wayne): $121 million
- Glen Lake Community Schools (Leelanau): $8.175 million
- Houghton-Portage Township Schools (Houghton): $23 million
- L'Anse Creuse Public Schools (Macomb): $188.7 million
- Les Cheneaux Community Schools (Mackinac): $7.85 million
- Marysville Public Schools (St. Clair): $18.5 million
- Memphis Community Schools (Macomb); $16.2 million
- Norway-Vulcan Area Schools (Menominee): $10 million
- Onekama Consolidated Schools (Manistee): $10.5 million
- Pentwater Public Schools (Oceana): $7.59 million
- Swartz Creek Community Schools (Genesee): $38.8 million
- Van Dyke Public Schools (Macomb): $36.17 million
- Vanderbilt Area Schools (Otsego): $2.42 million
- White Pigeon Community Schools (St. Joseph): $2.06 million

Four of six (66.7%) s**chool operating millage increases** passed:

- Fruitport Community Schools (Ottawa): 18 mills for 4 years
- Grand Ledge Public Schools (Eaton): 18 mills for 10 years
- New Buffalo Area Schools (Berrien): 18 mills for 6 years
- St. Joseph Public Schools (Berrien): 18 mills for 5 years

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With Senator Kristin McDonald Rivet (D-Bay City) winning Michigan's 8th U.S. House District, her State Senate seat will be vacant until she leaves office after lame duck. Governor Whitmer will have to call a special election at some point to fill the seat.

Twelve freshmen legislators will join the chamber in January: **Rylee Linting** (R-27), **Morgan Foreman** (D-33), **Nancy Jenkins-Arno** (R-34), **Jennifer Wortz** (R-35), **Matt Longjohn, MD** (D-40), **Steve Frisbie** (R-44), **Jason Woolford** (R-50), **Ron Robinson** (R-58), **Joseph Pavlov** (R-64), **Stephen Wooden** (D-81), **Tim Kelly** (R-93), and **Karl Bohnak** (R-109).

Click here for the bios of the new Michigan officeholders.

Incumbents Retain State Board of Education Seats

Voters elected Republicans **Nikki Snyder** (Goodrich) and **Tom McMilllin** (Oakland Township) to serve a second 8-year term on Michigan's State Board of Education. Snyder won the most votes (24.48%), with McMillin coming in second (41.18%).

Both have been on the Board since 2017.

In his election bid, McMillin identified protecting parents' rights to choose between public schools, charter schools, or homeschooling as a priority. Snyder continues her focus as a disability advocate.

Democrats retain their 6-2 majority of the eight-member Board.

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All 32 **school operating millage renewals** passed:

- Arvon Township School District (Baraga): 18 mills
- Buckley Community School (Wexford): 17.9017 mills
- Clarkston Community Schools (Oakland): 18 mills for 10 years
- Dearborn Heights School District No. 7 (Wayne): 18 mills
- Detroit Public Schools Community District (Wayne): 18 mills for 10 years
- Dollar Bay-Tamarack Area Schools (Houghton): 18 mills
- Elm River Township School District (Houghton): 18 mills
- Fairview Area Schools (Oscoda): 18 mills for 6 years
- Farmington Public Schools (Oakland): 18 mills for 10 years
- Fennville Public Schools (Allegan): 18 mills for 5 years
- Flat Rock Community Schools (Wayne): 18 mills 10 years
- Gaylord Community Schools (Crawford): 17.9190 mills
- Gibraltar Schools (Wayne): 18 mills for 10 years
- Godfrey Lee Public Schools (Kent): 18 mills
- Hagar Township District 6 Riverside (Berrien): 18 mills for 3 years
- Hamtramck School District (Wayne): 18 mills for 10 years
- Harbor Springs Public Schools (Emmet): 13.99 mills
- Harper Woods School District (Wayne): 18 mills for 20 years
- Lake City Area Schools (Missaukee): 18 mills
- Manton Consolidated Schools (Wexford): 18 mills
- Owendale-Gagetown Area School District (Tuscola): 18 mills for 10 years
- Riverview Community Schools (Wayne): 18 mills for 10 years
- South Lake Schools (Macomb): 18 mills for 20 years
- Tahquamenon Area Schools (Schoolcraft): 18 mills
- Traverse City Area Public Schools (Leelanau): 20.0616 mills for 10 years
- Tri County Area Schools (Newaygo): 18 mills for 2 years
- Troy School District (Oakland): 18 mills for 20 years
- Walled Lake Consolidated Schools (Oakland): 18 mills for 14 years
- Warren Consolidated Schools (Oakland): 18 mills for 10 years
- Wayne-Westland Community Schools (Wayne): 18 mills for 20 years
- Westwood Heights Schools (Genesee): 18 mills
- Wyandotte Public Schools (Wayne): 18 mills for 10 years

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Seventeen **sinking fund millage increases and renewals** passed:

- Fulton Schools (Gratiot): 2.8442 mills for 5 years (increase)
- Gibraltar Schools (Wayne): 0.5 mills for 10 years (increase)
- Grand Ledge Public Schools (Eaton): 0.7921 mill for 10 years (increase)
- Grosse Pointe Public Schools (Wayne): 3.0 mills for 10 years (increase)
- Lincoln Consolidated Schools (Wayne): 2 mills for 10 years (increase)
- Madison District Public Schools (Oakland): 3 mills (increase)
- Milan Area Schools (Washtenaw): 1.5 mills (increase)
- Tecumseh Public Schools (Lenawee): 1.75 mills (increase)
- Wakefield Marenisco School District (Gogebic): 1 mill (increase)
- Walkerville Public Schools (Oceana): 1.4861 for 5 years (increase)
- Athens Area Schools (St. Joseph): 3.0 mill for 5 years (renewal)
- Gobles Public Schools (Van Buren): 2.0 mills 10 years (renewal)
- Harbor Springs Public Schools (Emmet): 0.54 mills (renewal)
- Hastings Area School System (Calhoun): 0.9481 mill or 10 years (renewal)
- Leslie Public Schools (Jackson): 2.9649 mills for 10 years (renewal)
- St. Joseph Public Schools (Berrien): 0.9915 mill for 5 years (renewal)
- Vandercook Lake Schools (Jackson): 2.8624 mills (renewal)

A **special education millage renewal** for Washtenaw Intermediate School District passed with a little over 73% of the votes. The 12-year, 2.38 millage will provide funds to be used towards educating students with a disability.

For all General Election 2024 results in Michigan, **click here.**