

II. Mandate Reimbursement

Public education groups filed suit in the Michigan Court of Claims last month to prevent the State of Michigan from funding non-public schools for complying with health and safety mandates. The parties stipulated that the state cannot pay out any claims made by non-public schools before July 1, 2017.

MANS and MCC are asking to intervene in the case as Defendants. By entering the lawsuit as defendants, MANS and MCC will be able to fortify the defense of the law led by the Michigan Attorney General that the language in the budget is constitutional.

It is our understanding that the Michigan Department of Education continues to work on developing the process for non-public schools to follow when making a claim for reimbursement. With the pending lawsuit, MDE has communicated to MANS that it will not be able to meet with our organization on this matter.

Updates will be provided as we move throughout the legal process.