

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOVI, MICHIGAN  
January 22, 2026**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**TOPIC:** DECA State Leadership Development Conference

Kathryn Keszei, teacher at the Novi High School and DECA sponsor, is requesting eighty (80) students participate in an overnight field trip to the DECA State Leadership Development Conference, being held at Huntington Place Detroit, in Detroit MI, from March 5 through March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

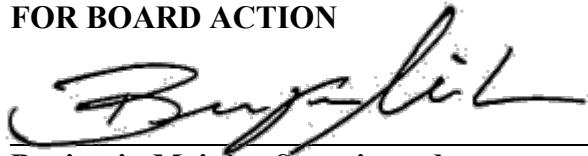
The State Career Development Conference (SCDC) is expected to host over 4,500 Michigan DECA members and advisors. This conference promises to be the most exhilarating Michigan DECA conference of the year because of the competitive edge, location, entertainment, and activities offered. Members are focused on improving their leadership and professional skills, in hopes of making their way to the final stage. In addition, members will elect the new Michigan DECA Executive Council, who will lead us into another exciting DECA year.

The total cost per student is \$200.00, which will cover competition fees and accommodations. There will be a DECA/CTE-sponsored dinner at \$80.00 per student. Students will also be asked to bring \$50.00 to cover extra food and/or souvenirs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Novi Community School District Board of Education approve the DECA State Leadership Development Conference at Huntington Place Detroit, in Detroit, MI, from March 5 through March 7th, 2026, as presented.

**APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED  
FOR BOARD ACTION**

  
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Benjamin Mainka, Superintendent