

Livonia Public Schools

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SCHOOL AID BUDGET DELAYS

WHEREAS, Michigan's constitution requires the Michigan legislature and Governor to pass an annual School Aid Budget for the exclusive purpose of funding public education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 160 into law in 2019 which states that the legislature must pass and present general appropriation bills for the upcoming fiscal year to the governor on or before July 1; and

WHEREAS, local school districts in Michigan are required by law to pass their own budgets for the upcoming school year by July 1; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature has failed to meet their July 1 legal deadline to pass a School Aid Budget appropriation bill or make any meaningful progress toward doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board was forced to adopt a budget for the 2025-2026 school year without key funding information due to the ongoing lack of a state budget, but upheld their fiduciary responsibility to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Aid Budget continues to be delayed by political battles that are unrelated to school funding or without regard for the needs of our students; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing delay in funding certainty has already impacted our ability to best plan for the support our students need and deserve in the upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS, every day the budget continues to be delayed by lawmakers will only worsen the negative impacts on our schools, staff and students this Fall and beyond; and

WHEREAS, comments by lawmakers that suggest the School Aid Budget can, or should, wait for other budget agreements to fall into place ignore the critical needs of our students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board is strongly urging state lawmakers to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility and immediately pass a spending bill that fully allocates the entirety of funding meant for our schools in a manner that supports the needs of each and every student in Michigan.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Livonia Public Schools' School Board is affirming that School Aid Funding should not be tied to any other budget deals, including ongoing talks about road funding. Funding for roads must not come at the expense of the education of our students in the State of Michigan.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, at their Special Meeting thereof, held this 15th day of September 2025.

Karen Bradford, President _____

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