



Genesee Intermediate
School District



To the Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Our organizations respectfully urge you to support our "Classrooms and Kids" budget, which places a priority on directing state funds to the classrooms in Michigan's K-12 public schools.

The "Classrooms and Kids" budget is a commitment to helping all our kids compete for 21st century jobs.

Every educational leader in Michigan appreciates the hard work of the Legislature and Governor Rick Snyder in addressing the crisis brought on by legacy and retirement costs. Without the reforms made in 2011, unfunded liabilities would have significantly impaired our districts. With those reforms taking hold, now is the time to continue to support Michigan's public schoolchildren by directing resources into the classroom.

Using existing funds and without raising taxes, the "Classrooms and Kids" proposal provides more resources for children that will go directly to teaching and learning. This is where resources are most needed to avoid overcrowded classrooms and retain vital programs.

Building off the Governor's recommendation, our proposal reallocates funds from categoricals to increase the foundation grant by a total of \$250-\$291per pupil.

This proposal simplifies the budget and creates more flexibility for our schools, allowing them to meet their needs. We support this plan because it restores more local control, greatly increases the foundation allowance while addressing equity, increases at-risk funding and continues the state's commitment to paying down the MPERS liability. Attached is a breakdown of our proposal.

Please join us in ensuring our students have the support necessary to compete for 21st century jobs by adopting the "Classrooms and Kids" budget.

Michigan Association of School Boards
Michigan Association of School Administrators
Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators
Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
Tri-County Alliance for Public Education
Calhoun County Intermediate School District
Genesee Intermediate School District
Hillsdale Intermediate School District
Jackson Intermediate School District
Kent Intermediate School District
Lenawee Intermediate School District
Macomb Intermediate School District
Monroe Intermediate School District
Oakland Schools
Ottawa Intermediate School District
Muskegon Intermediate School District
Wayne RESA

Classrooms and Kids Budget Proposal

Eliminate/Reduce These Line Items From Executive Recommendation

Section	Description	Amount		
11r	Fiscal Emergency Fund (NEW)	\$10,000,000		
20f	Hold Harmless	\$6,000,000		
22f	Best Practices	\$80,000,000		
22i(3)	Assessments	\$8,500,000		
22j	Performance Funding	\$46,400,000		
24c	Youth Challenge Program	\$1,500,000		
64c	Career Readiness Study (NEW)	\$250,000		
94	AP Incentive (NEW)	\$250,000		
98	Michigan Virtual University	\$9,387,500		
99h	Robotics	\$2,000,000		
147b	MPSERS Reserve Fund (Partial)	\$22,000,000		
	SUBTOTAL	\$186,287,500		
	Add Additional Surplus	\$34,000,000		
	Maintain General Fund Contribution	\$54,900,000		
	TOTAL	\$275,187,500		

Shift Funds to Classroom

22c	Equity Payment (min. foundation districts only)	\$10,000,000	(Approximately \$13pp)
31a	At Risk	\$10,000,000	
81	ISD 3% Increase	\$2,000,000	
20	Flat per pupil increase	\$253,187,500	Per Pupil Increase \$167
	2014-15 Pupil Estimate	1,514,000	

WHEN COMBINED w/ GOV's PROPOSED PER PUPIL INCREASES

	Minimum Foundation Districts		
	Proposal increase	\$167	
	equity payment	Approx. \$13	2015 Minimum Foundation
	Governor's increase	\$111	\$7,367
		\$291	
	Districts above the Minimum		
	Proposal increase	\$167	2015 Basic Foundation
	Governor's increase	\$83	\$8,299
		\$250	

In 2013-14 there were 452 districts (K-12 and PSA) at the minimum foundation allowance of \$7076. These districts educate over 700,000 pupils.

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Goss
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 9:31 AM
To: Charlie Glaes
Subject: RE: Alternative Budget

Based on the analysis provided, it appears that the only categoricals that we would see eliminated would be 22f Best Practices and 99h Robotics:

22f Best practices: 2660 FTE @ \$52/ea=\$138,320
99f=\$3,000

Total reduction: \$141,320

On the flip side, the additional \$167/pupil would yield \$444,220 (again based on 2,660 students). The additional \$13/pupil equity payment would add another \$34,580 for a total increase of \$478,800.

The net effect therefore would be an increase of approximately \$337,480. It appears we would see a slight increase to at-risk funding, although there is not enough information to determine what the exact effect would be. At any rate, it would be immaterial to the budget.

Note that this is before the \$111 increase proposed by the Governor. Including that amount, the projected increase would be \$632,740!

Please let me know if you would like to discuss in further detail.

Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Charlie Glaes
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 8:40 AM
To: Steve Goss
Subject: Alternative Budget

Can you tell me how the deletion of categoricals would impact us?

<http://www.masb.org/Portals/0/pdf/ClassroomsandKidsBudgetProposal.pdf>