

Superintendent's Report

Month: December 2025

Administrator: Dedrick Martin

Update:

State Superintendent Conference in Kalamazoo:

The upcoming mid-winter State Conference for Michigan Superintendents is scheduled to take place in Kalamazoo from January 21-23. Both Dr. Slade from KPS and I have been invited to give a brief welcome speech. We are collaborating with the MASA organization to offer Superintendents from various parts of the state an opportunity to visit our Career Connect Campus during the conference. We are excited to highlight our beautiful facility and the outstanding work our staff and students engage in every day.

Budget Uncertainty Continues:

Last week, Michigan House Republicans invoked a rarely used committee rule to block nearly \$645 million in previously approved funding for approximately eighty projects across 18 state departments and agencies. This unexpected action is a significant departure from the usual practice of routinely approving budget rollovers. These projects can be reconsidered in 2026 but will be subject to stricter transparency and accountability requirements under new legislation via the Hall Ethics Accountability and Transparency (HEAT).

Further complicating this uncertainty is the recent announcement of the Michigan version of the DOGE Task Force, which aims to improve accountability and efficiency within state government by reducing the number of departments from 18 to about 12. Like the surprise late night budget passage in Lansing a few months ago, this sudden block of funding has created considerable uncertainty around funding priorities and the impact on various projects in the coming months.

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the blocked funding affects a broad range of departments and agencies, including:

- Community Colleges: \$1,400,000
- Corrections: \$2,100,000
- Education: \$882,700
- Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy: \$18,101,800
- Michigan Gaming Control Board: \$2,967,600
- Health and Human Services: \$69,272,800
- Labor and Economic Opportunity: \$137,281,500



- Legislative Service Bureau: \$369,600
- Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: \$58,053,600
- State Lottery: \$3,000,100
- Michigan Strategic Fund: \$104,177,500
- Natural Resources: \$6,150,000
- School Aid: \$22,780,000
- State: \$8,325,000
- Technology, Management, and Budget: \$192,204,800
- Transportation: \$12,713,700
- Treasury: \$4,981,500
- Universities: \$179,500

We will continue to monitor how these shifting fiscal priorities may impact KRESA and education in general.