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## State Budget Update

This week, during the Detroit Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference, Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township) held a press conference about the state budget. While the House has not yet released any of their department budgets, he has shared a few details. Unfortunately, he also said that the budget would be done "shortly" but not before July 1.

The Speaker stated that the School Aid budget would include a \$12,000 per-pupil allowance, this is a 20% increase. This would be reached by rolling up many categoricals into the foundation allowance. We have not seen details of this proposal so we don't know exactly what has been included in that roll up. The proposal also includes a \$1 billion deposit into the School Stabilization Fund. That's all the information that has been made public as of this writing.

The House is expected to release its proposal on Thursday. With only a month left to reach an agreement, it does seem unlikely it will get done. However, we continue to push the Legislature to give our schools the information they need to set a proper budget. We encourage you to do the same.

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To apply, contact Liz Cooke at masbgov@masb.org or 517.489.2117 with your interest by June 13, 2025. More information on this and the two other open committees—Resolutions and Bylaws and Legal Trust Fund—is available on the MASB website. You can apply for any of these committees emailing Liz Cooke with your interest by June 13.

Save the Date – UP Legislative Day, September 22

Calling Region 1! Your MASB Government Relations Team will be holding a legislative event on September 22, 2025 in Marquette. We will be inviting the state and federal legislators representing the Upper Peninsula, discussing the hot topics happening in Lansing, and providing time for you to network with fellow board members. The event is open to all board members and superintendents. More details to come and registration will open soon.

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