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MASA Legislative Update

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Summary

It's been a few weeks since the budget was passed, and while it's quiet at the Capitol as legislators focus on campaigning for the fall, we have a few updates to share with you now that the budget is done and signed.

As always, please [contact MASA](#) with any questions or concerns.

2022-23 Budget Signed

Last Thursday, in a bipartisan ceremony at Mott Community College in Flint, Gov. Whitmer signed Senate Bill 845, the Education “bus” bill that included the K-12 budget. Unlike the Higher Education and Community College budgets, **no items in the K-12 were vetoed by the governor**, and the bill as described in MASA’s [previous update](#) represents the final product.

rumblings of more supplemental action. We'll be sure to keep you updated.

Bipartisan School Safety Group Introduces Bill Package

The House bipartisan **School Safety Commission** introduced **13 bills last week**, and they were referred to the Committee on Rules and Competitiveness. The bill package addresses a variety of issues, including **adding new commissions, requirements, and a new ISD safety coordinator position**. Notably, **there is nothing in the bill package dealing with guns and schools**. Although the bills were introduced, the Commission has not yet released its final report. The 13 bills are described below:

[HB 6319](#) (Sabo) requires more active shooter drills

[HB 6320](#) (Hornberger) requires schools to update their safety plans every 3 years, in consultation with an ISD safety coordinator

[HB 6321](#) (Eisen) and [6322](#) (Cambensy) provides school safety and security training for school staff

[HB 6223](#) (Breen) creates the new ISD safety coordinator position and mental health coordinator

[HB 6224](#) (Puri) and [6225](#) (Young) proscribe uniform definitions for various school safety related terms

[HB 6326](#) (Meerman) creates the school safety and mental health commission

[HB 6327](#) (Brann) requires OK2Say information on student identification cards

[HB 6328](#) (Weiss) adds definitions to the OK2Say program

[HB 6329](#) (O'Malley) requires that OK2Say tips are passed on to ISD safety coordinators and local law enforcement

[HB 6330](#) (Neely) requires quarterly reporting from the office of school safety

[HB 6331](#) (Lightner) provides updated guidance on modern security measures when engaging in new school building construction

Keep Kids Fed Act Passes

extends several waivers that were due to expire at the end of June.

Specifically, the bill:

- **Increased federal reimbursement rates:** 40 cents per meal for lunch and 15 cents per meal for breakfast, above the annual inflationary adjustment scheduled for July 1
- Extended the USDA's authority for **all waivers for 2022 summer meal programs**
- Extended the USDA's authority for **no-cost waivers for SY22-23**, including those for schools unable to meet nutrition standards due to supply chain disruptions and to reduce administrative and reporting burdens

However, the Keep Kids Fed Act **does not extend the waiver that keeps breakfast and lunches free to all students**, regardless of their families' incomes.

AASA Information on IDEA/Special Ed Funding

Join educators across the country in urging Congress to fully fund IDEA!

The most recent federal appropriation (FY22) puts the federal share at just 13.3% of the authorized 40%, meaning continued and extensive encroachment into state and local education budgets, as states and districts use state and local dollars to cover the federal shortfall. **Tell your Senators and Representative to support the IDEA Full Funding Act (HR 5984 / S 3213).** Take action [here](#) and be sure to use the [IDEA Invoice templates](#) to calculate the amount owed to your district and include it in the message.

