

**EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Resolution Urging the Governor and the Legislature to pass the 2026/2027 School Aid Budget by July 1.

Whereas, with only eight days remaining in this fiscal year for our schools, the Legislature has not yet passed a School Aid Budget; and

Whereas, last year, the budget was not passed until after the Constitutional October 1 deadline. The state's long delay last year forced districts to make critical staffing and programming decisions based on speculation rather than certainty. Without a budget, schools cannot responsibly plan for staffing, class sizes, transportation, or essential services; and

Whereas, East Lansing Public Schools are legally obligated to complete our budget by the end of June. We will fulfill that obligation. But without certainty from Lansing on what funding we will see, we will be forced to once again consider freezing programs, delaying hires and laying off staff. Families and staff deserve stability, state-created budget delays cause unnecessary stress and financial concerns; and

Whereas, the framework for a responsible School Aid fund budget already exists within the three proposals under consideration, there is no excuse to delay bringing these ideas together into a final agreement; and

Whereas, we also urge focus to remain on passing a responsible, balanced budget. This is not the time to begin discussions on major reforms. Significant property tax changes or other structural changes that are being brought up deserve a thorough debate, separate from the budget; and

Whereas, policymakers must complete a responsible School Aid budget that meets the needs of Michigan's students. This includes an inflationary increase to the foundation allowance, implementing weighted funding for at-risk and ELL students, stopping the diversion of K12 dollars away from the classroom and fixing the school safety and mental health funding;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the East Lansing Public School District calls on the Legislature and the Governor to pass the School Aid Budget before July 1; and

Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the district's representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate, as well as the Governor's office.

Resolved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Roll Call Vote: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Representative Name

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Board Representative Signature