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The Honorable Jim Stamas, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Michigan State Senate
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

The Honorable Thomas Albert, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Legislators:

SUBJECT: Supplemental Request 2022-6

Attached please find supplemental recommendations for fiscal year 2022 for the School Aid budget. This supplemental increases appropriations by \$285 million (state school aid fund).

The supplemental provides equal per pupil funding to all eligible districts, estimated at \$200 per pupil, for new or expanded programs that address unfinished learning, get students to grade-level academic standards, provide additional academic assistance to students at risk of falling behind their peers, and/or help high school students prepare for postsecondary education. Eligible districts must provide matching dollars from other fund sources for dollars received for these new programs.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Bethany Wicksall at (517) 335-3420.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Harkins
State Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Mike Shirkey, Senate Majority Leader
Jason Wentworth, Speaker of the House
Jim Ananich, Senate Minority Leader
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Fiscal Year 2022
Supplemental Request 2022-6

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 11 (MCL 388.1611) as amended
by 2021 PA 48, and by adding sections 23f and 23g; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan Enact:

ARTICLE I

STATE AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND ADULT EDUCATION

Sec. 11. (1) ~~For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, there is appropriated for
the public schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to education the~~

1 ~~sum of \$13,715,807,900.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of \$54,464,600.00 from~~
2 ~~the general fund, an amount not to exceed \$79,800,000.00 from the community district~~
3 ~~education trust fund created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489,~~
4 ~~MCL 12.262, and an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water emergency reserve fund. For~~
5 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, there is appropriated for the public schools of
6 this state and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of
7 ~~\$14,797,232,100.00~~ **\$15,082,232,100.00** from the state school aid fund, the sum of
8 \$85,400,000.00 from the general fund, an amount not to exceed \$72,000,000.00 from the
9 community district education trust fund created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund
10 act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.262, and an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water emergency
11 reserve fund. In addition, all available federal funds are only appropriated as allocated
12 in this article for the fiscal ~~years~~ **year** ending ~~September 30, 2021 and~~ September 30, 2022.

13 (2) The appropriations under this section are allocated as provided in this article.
14 Money appropriated under this section from the general fund must be expended to fund the
15 purposes of this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under this section
16 from the state school aid fund.

17 (3) Any general fund allocations under this article that are not expended by the end
18 of the fiscal year are transferred to the school aid stabilization fund created under
19 section 11a.

20 **Sec. 23f. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there**
21 **is allocated for 2021-2022 an amount not to exceed \$280,000,000.00 for payments to eligible**
22 **districts for implementing the MI Kids Back on Track program.**

23 (2) The department shall pay an equal amount per membership pupil to each eligible
24 district under this section. Districts must use funding received under this section for the
25 MI Kids Back on Track program.

26 (3) To be eligible for funding under this section, a district must do all of the
27 following:

28 (a) Apply for funding in a form and manner determined by the department.

29 (b) Post a MI Kids Back on Track plan to the homepage of the district's website that
30 describes evidence-based actions the district is taking to respond to student needs related
31 to unfinished learning and how these funds create or expand these efforts. The plan must:

32 (i) Reflect input from educators, parents, and community members.

1 (ii) Include an analysis of student data and describe student needs.

2 (iii) Identify evidence-based best practices to be implemented or expanded in response
3 to student needs.

4 (c) Implement and maintain functionality on the homepage of the district's website
5 that allows parents, guardians, and students to request additional assistance through the
6 MI Kids Back on Track program.

7 (d) Match at least 100% of the funding received under this section with funds from
8 other sources and use those funds for the MI Kids Back on Track program.

9 (4) If a district does not match at least 100% of funding received under this section
10 with other available funds, the district must return any unmatched funds to the department
11 on a timeline determined by the department. The department may redistribute any returned
12 funds to eligible districts on an equal per pupil basis. Districts receiving redistributed
13 dollars must increase expenditures from other sources to match the amount of redistributed
14 dollars received.

15 (5) Districts may use funds received under this section for staffing costs,
16 curriculum needs, student transportation needs, or other costs incurred as a result of
17 providing services through the MI Kids Back on Track program.

18 (6) The state superintendent shall provide guidelines to school districts on
19 evidence-based best practices and effective strategies a district may use to respond to
20 unfinished learning and shall provide resources to assist districts in implementing
21 evidence-based programs.

22 (7) As used in this section, the "MI Kids Back on Track program" means programs for
23 students in any grades pre-K through 12 that are designed to address unfinished learning,
24 get students to grade-level academic standards, provide additional academic assistance to
25 students at risk of falling behind their peers, and/or help high school students prepare
26 for postsecondary education. Programs may be provided before school, during school, or
27 after school. Programs may be provided directly by the district or in partnership with
28 community-based organizations.

29 (8) The funds allocated under this section for 2021-2022 are a work project
30 appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2021-2022 are carried forward into 2022-2023.
31 The purpose of the work project is to address unfinished learning. The estimated completion
32 date of the work project is September 30, 2024.

1 (9) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this
2 section on a schedule determined by the department.

3 Sec. 23g (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there
4 is allocated for 2021-2022 an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to districts for
5 background checks and fingerprinting costs associated with onboarding new staff members for
6 the MI Kids Back on Track program under section 23f.

7 (2) Districts receiving funds under section 23f are eligible to apply for funding
8 under this section in a form and manner determined by the department.

9 (3) On a timeline determined by the department, districts applying for funding under
10 this section must notify the department of the number of new staff that required background
11 checks and fingerprinting checks for the MI Kids Back on Track program under section 23f.
12 The department shall pay each applicant district an equal amount per new staff member.
13 Districts that receive funding under this section may not charge new staff for required
14 background checks and fingerprinting.

15 (4) The funds allocated under this section for 2021-2022 are a work project
16 appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2021-2022 are carried forward into 2022-2023.
17 The purpose of the work project is to reimburse districts for costs associated with new
18 staff members hired for the MI Kids Back on Track program under section 23f. The estimated
19 completion date of the work project is September 30, 2024.

20 (5) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this
21 section on a schedule determined by the department.

22 Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article I of the state
23 constitution of 1963, total state spending on school aid under article I as amended by this
24 amendatory act from state sources for fiscal year 2021-2022 is estimated at
25 \$15,238,632,200.00 and state appropriations for school aid to be paid to local units of
26 government for fiscal year 2021-2022 are estimated at \$14,043,370,223.00

27 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act shall be effective immediately.