

The Governor's Educator Advisory Council Recommends:

The Governor's Educator Advisory Council (GEAC) is recommending that Governor Whitmer and her policy directors support <u>House Bill 4286</u>, sponsored by Luke Meerman, or another similar bill specific to GEAC membership.

The acceptance of this request and the subsequent promotion of the bill will move to ensure that GEAC membership can serve both their advisory role and serve the students of the state of Michigan by limiting the travel required for in-person meetings. The GEAC, comprised of members from across the state who are employed in schools and working with Michigan's children, are limited in their ability to travel to meeting dates without extended absences from their schools and classrooms.

Passage of the bill would allow for increased participation from GEAC members, fewer hours missed from their school or classroom, and increased access for the public with online access.

Unanimously approved: November 22, 2021

