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**State Board of Education Statement on
House Bills 5384-5387**

The State Board of Education opposes House Bills 5384–5387 and refers the State Legislature to the State Board of Education’s previous statement on Senate Bill 710. This statement encouraged the Legislature to address the following missing elements from Senate Bill 710:

- Authorize an elected Community School Board to hire the Superintendent for the Community School District at the earliest election possible.
- Elimination of the debt of the qualified School District without extracting resources from the State School Aid Fund.
- Establish set lengths of terms for specific seats on the Community District School board, so candidates know before the election the exact length of service on the Board.

The State Board of Education also refers the State Legislature to the Board’s previous statement on Opening and Closing of Public Schools. The State Board of Education urges the Legislature to pass legislation directing the Michigan Department of Education to create a mechanism overseeing the opening and closing of public schools to ensure quality, accessibility and financial stability.

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