



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

SHEILA A. ALLES
INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 16, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: State Aid Supplemental Legislation, Public Act 11 of 2019 (House Bill 4206 of 2019)

The Governor recently signed House Bill 4206 into law with immediate effect as PA 11 of 2019. Effective for the 2018-19 school year only, this law amends Section 101(4) of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1701), allowing districts to have canceled instructional time forgiven if instruction was scheduled but not provided on 1 or more days included in the period, January 29, 2019 through February 2, 2019, for which the governor issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency across this state. Any day that is forgiven under this language will also have the subsequent number of instructional hours originally scheduled for that day forgiven.

PA 11 of 2019 may be viewed at the following link:
<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2019-HB-4206>

In order to use this flexibility, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- The day being forgiven must be a day where instruction was originally scheduled.
- The day being forgiven must have occurred between January 29 and February 2.
 - February 2, 2019 can be forgiven if instruction was scheduled for that Saturday.
- The district has requested forgiveness from the Department using the online form.
 - If the district already applied for forgiveness this year, a second request is not required even if the original request was not granted.

If your district has not requested forgiven time for the 2018-19 school year, but would like to utilize the flexibility provided by this legislation, please use the following form to submit your request: <https://fs10.formsite.com/SASF/form9/index.html>. If your district has already applied for additional forgiven time, an individual communication with specific information on how this impacts your district will follow.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – PRESIDENT • PAMELA PUGH – VICE PRESIDENT
MICHELLE FECTEAU – SECRETARY • TOM MCMILLIN – TREASURER
TIFFANY D. TILLEY – NASBE DELEGATE • JUDITH PRITCHETT
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY • NIKKI SNYDER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde • 833-633-5788

To help districts understand how the amended language may apply to their situation, several live Q&A webinars are available for districts to attend and have their questions answered. Topics may include applying all forms of available forgiven time, applying forgiven time to hours, days where attendance falls below 75%, days and clock hours reporting, and working with your ISD auditor. We strongly urge you to join one of the Q&A webinars to have your questions answered in a timely manner.

Q&A Webinars for Districts:

Friday, May 17, 2019 – 12:00 pm
Monday, May 20, 2019 – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 9:00 am

Additional information pertaining to the webinars, including the webinar links, may be found on the Forgiven Time/Snow Day webpage:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140--497439--,00.html>.

Please direct questions to Jessica Beagle at beaglej1@michigan.gov or 517-241-6435.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance