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**State Board of Education
Statement In Opposition to
Education Legislation Moving During Lamé Duck Session**

The State Board of Education is in support of the position presented by the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education to the Michigan Legislature regarding its Lamé Duck session, that "now is not the time to rush through legislation that will have questionable long-term impacts on public schools. Instead, the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education is calling for legislators to leave any action on education policies to the new legislature and Governor in order to properly debate and review them."

In referencing a letter by House Education Reform Committee Chairman, Rep. Tim Kelly, on his intention to reengage the House of Representatives to take action in the last weeks of this legislative session on several pieces of legislation, the State Board of Education agrees with Tri-County Alliance for Public Education leaders who said: There is too much at stake for schools throughout Michigan to rush legislation through with little or no time to properly review or debate its impact on our students, parents and teachers. Lamé duck is simply not the time to be making fundamental changes to Michigan's public education system; and suggesting that the last few weeks of the legislative session is the time to 'reengage' on these important issues ignores the complexity of these policies and the importance of getting them right; and could have serious unintended consequences for schools going forward.

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