

## Governor Snyder's FY 2016 Budget Recommendation

### HIGHER EDUCATION

*"The intersection between high school and higher education is critically important. We need to dramatically improve ways that will help reduce the cost of college expense. That's dual enrollment, that's middle college, that's all these other opportunities that fall right in that sweet spot of that intersection." -Governor Snyder*

#### IN THE BUDGET

Keeping college affordable for Michigan's students is a key priority for Governor Snyder. In his FY 2016 budget, the governor recommends critical investments in key areas. With this budget, total funding for higher education is more than \$1.5 billion.

#### MPSERS REFORM

Governor Snyder proposes capping unfunded accrued liability (UAL) payments for universities that are participating members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. Under his proposal, member universities would have their UAL payments capped at 25.73 percent of payroll, similar to actions taken for public school districts, district libraries, and community colleges in 2012.

#### BY THE NUMBERS:

*A \$28 million increase for universities*

*A \$4.3 million increase for community colleges*

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

A total of \$105 million is recommended for student financial aid. In addition, \$6 million in new funding is recommended in the community colleges budget for Independent Part-Time Student Grants.

#### BEST PRACTICES

For greater transparency, public universities and community colleges are asked to continue their transparency and performance dashboard websites. These public sites report on various financial and academic indicators.

#### STATE BUILDING AUTHORITY RENT

The state will make payments to pay down debts for recently constructed community college and university building projects.

#### TUITION RESTRAINT

The recommendation calls for limiting tuition increases to 2.8 percent or less in order for universities to receive the funding increase.