

MARCH PAYMENT INFORMATION

The March state school aid payment is the sixth regular payment of the 2024 fiscal year. The payment will be electronically transmitted to district accounts on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Taxable value figures used in the calculation of the Section 20 and Section 22a state per pupil amounts are the initial tax year 2023 figures provided by the county treasurers via the web-based reporting system as of 3/1/24. These data can be viewed by school district personnel on the [Department's website](#). To view your data, enter your district code and choose the applicable tax year from the drop down menu. **Questions concerning the taxable value figures should first be directed to the appropriate county treasurer.**

Pupil Membership – October 2023 pupil count data (audited for most districts) and audited February 2023 counts as of 2/22/24 were used in the calculation of the blended membership count for the March payment used to calculate **Section 20 Foundation** allowances.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL AID

On February 7, 2024, Governor Whitmer's Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2025 was presented to the legislature. The following are some highlights of the K-12 budget portion of the Governor's proposal.

- The per pupil **Foundation Grants for FY 2025** would increase by \$241, from \$9,608 to \$9,849 per pupil. Cyber School Foundations would decrease to \$7,879.
- Section 31a funding would increase by \$23.8 million.
- Special Ed. foundations would increase by \$12.5 million.
- The Executive Recommendation for FY 2025 would increase the **Section 81 Intermediate School District (ISD) General Operations** by 2.5%.
- The Executive Recommendation would appropriate an additional \$29.6 million to increase GSRP allocations to \$10,342 per pupil for a full-day program.

The summary provided above should not be considered a complete description of the content of the executive proposal. Also, please be advised that changes are likely as the budget makes its way through the legislative process. Additional information and details on the executive budget proposal can be found [here](#).

LABOR DAY START WAIVERS

Section 1284b of the Revised School Code ([MCL 380.1284b](#)) prohibits public schools from scheduling instruction on or before Labor Day. However, the legislation also provides the state superintendent with sole authority to issue a waiver from this requirement if it is determined that the school or program is a bona fide year-round school or program established for educational purposes. When a Labor Day waiver is requested, Section 160 of the State School Aid Act ([MCL 388.1760](#)) requires the district to conduct a public hearing at a location within the district or intermediate school district. A public hearing must take place before the Labor Day waiver can be approved.

Applicants requesting a waiver should use the form located on the [Department's website](#).

Questions related to Labor Day waivers may be directed to Chad Urchike at UrchikeC1@michigan.gov.

Did you know? In Spring 2024, Vendor Self Service (VSS) will have a new, streamlined user experience with the launch of SIGMA 4! After the upgrade, you will notice a more efficient and intuitive user interface as well as new functionality to support you. Watch for more information on the SIGMA VSS website in the coming months.

STATE AID WAIVER REQUESTS

The Department has transitioned to accepting applications for waivers through online forms. All waiver requests must be received by **May 31, 2024** to be considered for the current school year. If your district needs to request any of the following waivers, please use the link below to access the appropriate form:

[Labor Day Waiver](#) – Allows a district to provide instruction prior to Labor Day.

Questions related to this waiver may be directed to Chad Urchike at UrchikeC1@michigan.gov.

[Common Calendar Waiver](#) – Used to deviate from the spring/winter break provided in the ISD's common calendar.

[Alternative Count Day Waiver](#) – Allows a district to have an alternate count date.

[Schools of Choice Waiver](#) – Allows a district to extend the application/enrollment windows for schools of choice.

Questions related to the above waivers should be directed to Brian Ciloski, State Aid and School Finance, CiloskiB@Michigan.gov.

[Additional Forgiven Time Waiver](#) – Allows a district to request up to three additional days of forgiven time.

[Travel Time Waiver](#) – Allows a district to count additional travel time for certain programs.

Questions related to the above waivers should be directed to Jessica Beagle, State Aid and School Finance, 517-241-6435, or BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov.

Publication of the 2022-23 Bulletins 1011 and 1014

The Office of Financial Management has completed review of the 2022-23 Financial Information Database (FID) information. Those data were submitted by each Michigan public school district in accordance with MCL 388.1618(5). Select FID data has been compiled and published in the Bulletin 1011 – Analysis of Michigan Public School Revenues and Expenditures and the Bulletin 1014 – Michigan Public Schools Ranked by Select Financial Information. The Bulletin 1011 is a financial report that groups districts by size of pupil membership. It contains various pieces of financial information about groups of Michigan public school districts including balance sheet, revenue, and expenditure data. It also includes the fall pupil count and average teacher salary for those groups. The Bulletin 1014 contains district-level information including revenues and expenditures per pupil. This Bulletin also includes the fall pupil count, average teacher salary, and taxable value information. Questions related to the Bulletins 1011 and 1014 may be directed to Christopher May at MayC@michigan.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **February 14** was the FY 2024 **Supplemental Count** date. The Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) records for the Supplemental Count date are due to be submitted and certified to CEPI by **March 20, 2024**.
- The Section 22d(4) funds are being paid at \$58.1560760489 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collections funds are being paid out at \$29.2397546130 per pupil.
- The proration factor for Section 31a – At Risk funding is 32.65621632%.
- The proration factor for Section 29(7) – Enrollment Stabilization is 76.90212625%.

Do you have questions above the information appearing in this [Update](#)? Call the consultants identified above or **Phil Boone, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Management, MDE, at 517-899-0796, or via e-mail at BooneP2@michigan.gov**.