



**Department of Treasury
State Tax Commission
State Equalization System Notice
November 22, 2017**

In October, the State Tax Commission approved the implementation of a new integrated web based State Equalization system to be launched with the 2019 equalization cycle.

An Equalization Focus Group, comprised of Treasury staff, Field Operations Section staff, Central Office Operations Section staff, County Equalization Directors and Assessors, met and together identified key items for improvement and expected outcomes of a new system. The key items include:

- Streamlined equalization process
- Standardized communication between local and state government
- Central IT system to replace the current e-filing system
- Improved work flow management.

The Michigan Office of Good Government and Property Services Division staff then met and conducted a detailed review of the current system and developed eight recommendations which were shared with the State Tax Commission (STC) in the October 30, 2017 Memo (see attached). The recommendations were approved by the STC and the Treasury team is now working on the development and implementation of those recommendations.

We anticipate the new system will provide a wide variety of improvements to the equalization process, including a better system for Equalization. Some of the anticipated improvements include:

- Central data repository
- Allows for expansion of e-filing
- Local portal for county upload of data
- Addition of automation of all equalization forms
- Provide for automated email notifications to counties
- Eliminate duplication of data submissions
- Reduce manual data entry
- Interface with Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) providers
- Provide a crosswalk for the various coding utilized by counties
- Preservation of historical equalization data

We appreciate your support and patience as we work to implement this new system. This notice will be available on the State Tax Commission's website under the *What's New* heading and we will update you regularly on our progress. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please email the Property Services Division at equalization@michigan.gov.