

# Resolution of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education

## Concerning Delays to the FY 2025–26 Michigan School Aid Fund Budget

**Whereas**, Michigan’s Constitution requires the Michigan Legislature and Governor to pass an annual School Aid Budget for the exclusive purpose of funding public education;

**Whereas**, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 160 into law in 2019, which requires the Legislature to pass and present general appropriation bills for the upcoming fiscal year to the Governor on or before July 1;

**Whereas**, local school districts in Michigan are required by law to pass their own budgets for the upcoming school year by June 30th;

**Whereas**, the Michigan Legislature has failed to meet its July 1 legal deadline to pass a School Aid Budget appropriation bill or make any meaningful progress toward doing so;

**Whereas**, the **Milan Area Schools Board of Education** was forced to adopt a budget for the 2025–26 school year without key funding information due to the ongoing lack of a state budget;

**Whereas**, the FY 2025–26 School Aid Fund budget continues to be delayed by political battles unrelated to school funding or the needs of our students;

**Whereas**, School Aid Fund dollars should not be used to:

- Fill budget gaps tied to or used to fund unrelated budget items such as road construction and maintenance;
- Fund higher education or private education; or
- Increase onerous reporting requirements for already struggling school districts;

**Whereas**, a responsible School Aid Fund budget should include:

- A reasonable increase in the per-pupil foundation allowance;
- Dedicated funding for Michigan’s at-risk youth, English language learners, students in special education, ISDs and RESAs, Great Start Readiness Programs, school libraries, rural communities, CTE programs, and other essential academic programs;
- Targeted non-instructional education supports, including school infrastructure funding for districts with older buildings and safety concerns, safe and reliable student transportation, and wraparound services such as mental health support for high-need students;

**Whereas**, the ongoing delay in funding certainty has already impacted our ability to plan

effectively to support our students in the current school year;

**Whereas**, every additional day of delay worsens the negative impacts on our schools, staff, and students this fall and beyond;

**Whereas**, comments by lawmakers suggesting that the School Aid Budget can or should wait for other budget agreements ignore the critical needs of our students;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the **Milan Area Schools Board of Education** strongly urges state lawmakers to immediately pass a spending bill that fully allocates the entirety of funding meant for Michigan schools in a manner that equitably supports the needs of each and every student in the state;

**Be it further resolved**, that the **Milan Area Schools Board of Education** affirms that School Aid funding should not be tied to any other budget deals, including ongoing negotiations over road funding.