



**School District Of The City Of Pontiac**  
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**Statement from the Pontiac School District Regarding the District's Position on 31aa Funding in the Michigan State School Aid Act 2025-2026**

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We know there has been a lot of discussion recently about what the district should do in regards to whether or not the district should opt in to receive 31aa funding made available to districts across the state as part of the State School Aid Act for the 2025-2026 academic year.

At this time, the Pontiac School District has not decided whether it will opt in to receive this funding. The District is currently evaluating the potential implications and overall impact that participation may have on our operations moving forward. Districts have until November 30th, 2025, to decide whether to "opt-in" for this funding, or not. In total, the state has allocated nearly \$321 million for districts statewide for safety and mental health funding, a portion of which will also be available through competitive grants.

Part of the District's review involves concerns with the statutory language, including a requirement to agree to certain conditions such as a waiver of any privilege and agreeing to comply with a comprehensive investigation in the event of a mass casualty event in order for schools to receive this safety and mental health funding.

One of the most significant conditions is the requirement to waive the attorney-client privilege in the event of a mass casualty incident, which is a broad and undefined term under the statute. In addition, any investigation into a mass casualty event would be conducted by a governor-designated person or entity with access to confidential student and personnel district records.

We also understand that several school districts and intermediate school districts across the state have pursued legal action challenging the language contained in Section 31aa. Litigation is currently pending in state and federal courts, and the outcomes may affect the obligations placed on districts that choose to opt in.

As you can expect, the outcome of these lawsuits may directly impact the requirements for our district, should we decide to opt in for this funding.

While we appreciate and recognize the state legislature's decision to fund these important topics for not only our district, but districts all across the state, we do have a



responsibility to evaluate how these statutory conditions could impact our district, legally, operationally, and financially, should something like this occur.

We want to be transparent with all of our partners, families, faculty, and staff about our thinking behind this decision, while we await the potential outcome of these lawsuits that are now being heard in courts across the state.