MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Genesee Intermediate School District Davis Education Center
Legacy Auditorium
2413 West Maple Avenue, Flint, MI 48507

November 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING AGENDA

Agenda item times are approximate and are subject to change.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Genesee County Intermediate School District (ISD), Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC)
and
Welcome from Genesee County ISD Superintendent, Dr. Tunnicliff; and statement from Tyrese, former student.
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Presentation on Literacy Updates
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., deputy superintendent, Division of Assessment, School Improvement, and Systems Support;
- Jen Saylor, Ph.D., NBCT-R, director, Office of Curriculum and Instruction; and
- DeNesha Rawls Smith, manager, Literacy Unit, Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

C. Presentation on Michigan's Strategic Education Plan Goal 4: Expand Secondary Learning Opportunities for all Students
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., deputy superintendent, Division of Assessment, School Improvement, and Systems Support;
- Lohren Carter-Nzoma, deputy superintendent, Division of Educator Excellence, Career Technical Education, Special Education, and Administrative Law;

- Jen Saylor, Ph.D., NBCT-R, director, Office of Curriculum and Instruction;
- Celena Mills, director, Office of Career & Technical Education;
- Diana Allard, Executive Director, Career & Technical Education, Genesee Intermediate School District;
- Andrea Tomczak, Genesee County Career Center CTE EMC Coordinator; and
- Kelsey von Daggenhausen, CTE EMC graduate.

V. RECESS FOR LUNCH
12:00 p.m.

VI. CALL TO ORDER
1:00 p.m.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***NOTE**: A public participation period will be provided at each Board Meeting (at approximately 1:00pm). Because it is impossible to project an exact time for public participation, the public is encouraged to attend the entire meeting.*

VIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

D. Approval of Minutes of State Board of Education Meeting of September 9, 2026

E. Approval of Minutes of State Board of Education Meeting of October 13, 2026

F. Approval of Minutes of Special Education Committee of October 21, 2026

G. Approval of Minutes of Legislative Committee Meeting of November 5, 2026

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM

I. Presentation on Michigan School for the Deaf Overview of Programs, Services, and Facilities
2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- Lohren Carter-Nzoma, deputy superintendent, Division of Educator Excellence, Career Technical Education, Special Education, and Administrative Law;
- Eleanor Harris, Ph.D., interim director, Office of Special Education;
- Jessica Contreras, head of school, Michigan School for the Deaf;

- Rex Vernon, principal, Michigan School for the Deaf;
- Molly, student, Michigan School for the Deaf; and
- Taraji, student, Michigan School for the Deaf.

X. REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD PRESIDENT

- *Update on the Special Education Committee*

2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

XI. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT

3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

(Items on the Report of the State Superintendent include information on administrative decisions made by the State Superintendent. The documents are provided to the members of the Board for their information.)

REPORTS

J. Human Resources Report

K. Report on Grant Awards

L. Report on Property Transfer Decision

M. Reports on the Approved Changes to the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services:

- Allegan Area Educational Service Agency
- Berrien Regional Educational Service Agency
- Branch Intermediate School District
- Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District
- Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District
- Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District
- Menominee Intermediate School District
- Monroe Intermediate School District
- Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District

XII. REPORT OF THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

N. Presentation by the Michigan Teacher of the Year and Regional Teacher of the Year

3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

- Erik Meerschaert, 2026-27 Michigan Teacher of the Year, special education teacher, Lake Orion High School, North Branch Area Schools; and
- Ang Jackson, 2026-27 Region 5 Regional Teacher, elementary teacher, Woodland Developmental Center, St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency.

XIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

O. State and Federal Legislative Update
3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Bob Wheaton, director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs;
- Olivia Ponte, legislative liaison, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs; and
- Judith Pritchett, Ph.D., chairperson, State Board of Education Legislative Committee.

XIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS
4:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

XV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

1. Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
2. Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 9:30 a.m.
3. Tuesday, February 9, 2027, at 9:30 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
4:15 p.m.

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