



\$65M SECURED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, August 19, Gov. Whitmer announced that she was directing **\$65M in federal CARES Act funds** from the Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund to support local K-12 public schools that have been most significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Of that funding, \$60M will go directly to school districts who serve a population of at least 50 percent economically disadvantaged students. Funding will also be weighted based on the number of students that have special education needs or are English Language Learners.

Districts may use these funds for:

- » **Connectivity:** Providing devices, internet access, access to remote services or other similar purposes.
- » **Student Mental Health:** Enhancing access to remote and in-person student mental health services.
- » **Addressing Learning Loss:** Offering supplementary content and intervention services to mitigate the impacts of learning loss.
- » **Out-of-School-Time Learning:** Supporting out-of-school-time learning. These expenditures would ensure students have safe spaces to participate in remote education.
- » **Remote Learning Materials and Training (digital and non-digital):** Addressing both digital and non-digital content where remote learning continues as an instructional delivery model.
- » **Teacher Training and Curriculum:** Supporting additional professional development and curriculum modifications that allow districts to effectively facilitate distance learning while expanding their knowledge of the science of teaching.

The additional \$5.4M will be distributed to support the statewide tools and resources Michigan House Democrats sought to include in the Return to Learn package earlier this week, including:

- » **\$1.5M** for statewide **mental health and social-emotional learning supports**. (Rep. Laurie Pohutsky)
- » **\$1.4M** to implement **teacher professional learning practices and standards** to train teachers on digital communication tools and online instructional strategies. (Rep. Padma Kuppa)
- » **\$1.5M** to support educational programming on **public television**. (Rep. Joe Tate)
- » **\$1M** to support **Early On**, allowing the existing program to reach more infants and toddlers through remote early intervention. (Rep. Nate Shannon)