



# \$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)