

# FY20-21 STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT

On **Sept. 23**, the Michigan House of Representatives approved a finalized state budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan House Democrats are just as committed as ever to ensuring that the people of Michigan, and the priorities they care most about, are put first. The budget agreement approved today delivers.

We have long said that the choices and decisions we make now will determine how far into the future Michiganders will feel the effects of this crisis — this budget will provide support for those that need it most to keep families and our communities on their feet both now and long after our battle with COVID-19.

## INVESTING IN EDUCATION

- **\$66** per-pupil increase in school funding above current funding levels
- **\$1M** to forgive outstanding student meal debt
- **\$5.4M** for additional mental health counselors and student support
- **\$27M** to expand eligibility for the Child Development and Care Program for lower-income families
- **\$500** in hazard pay for teachers during the pandemic
- **\$30M** for the Michigan Reconnect Program

## A STRONG AND HEALTHY MICHIGAN

- **\$12.6M** for the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies program to reduce infant mortality rates and racial disparities in birth outcomes
- **\$10M** to cover COVID-19 related costs to nursing homes
- **\$2.7M** one-time additional funding and \$4.6M ongoing funding for the Lead Poisoning Loan Fund to protect families in Flint and throughout the state from the dangers of lead

## HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS

- **\$14.3M** in grants to expand broadband internet access to underserved communities
- **\$24M** to support disaster response needs to communities impacted by recent flooding

## SUPPORTING MICHIGAN WORKERS

- **\$40M** for increased wages for direct care workers

## PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **\$600K** for grants to education and conservation on Michigan's watersheds
- **\$600K** to support the cleanup the 'green ooze' in the closed Electro Plating Services building
- **\$1M** for low-interest energy efficiency project loans