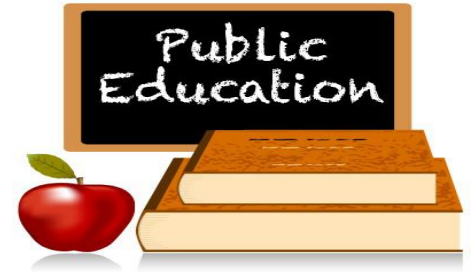
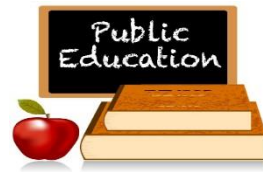


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2015 School Bond Update

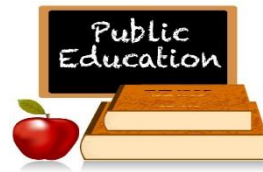
- Results of Vote

- A \$185-million bond proposal in **Rochester Community Schools** was approved Tuesday night.
- The 21-year bond was approved with a vote of 15,825(73%) yes to 5,834(27%) no.
- The bond will allow the district to make upgrades to safety, security, technology, classrooms and buildings. And it won't result in an increase in the school tax rate because the district will extend its current rate for five years.

- Next Steps

- Choose underwriter(s)
- Sell Bonds

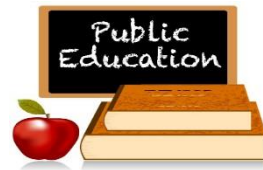
- Feedback & Discussion



State Open Issues

SB 442 / 561 Sponsors Senator Mike Green, Jim Marleau & 12 others; Jack Meekoff

- Bills attempts to provide a potential compromise allowing people to exercise their 2nd amendment rights and address the current ability of people with a CPL to **open carry** weapons in schools.
- Unfortunately it does allow for people with a concealed weapon license to carry firearms in schools, churches, sports arenas & bars. The State has issued over 480,000 CPL's.
- Under current state law residents with a CPL's can only have their weapon at pick-up and drop off. The 1994 Federal Gun Free School Zones bans weapons within 1,000' of a school.
- On 10/27 **SB 580** was added to this package updating sentencing guidelines
- The bill has passed the Judiciary Committee with a 4-1 vote, October 15th
- **On 10/22 bill was moved to the Senate floor.**
- Governor Snyder vetoed a similar bill in 2012.
- RCS PTA & Michigan PTA have issued responses against the bills

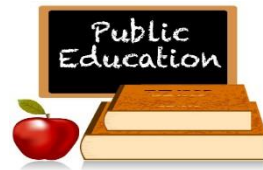


State Open Issues

National PTA Board of Directors Adopts Position Statement on Student Data Privacy and Security 10/28/15

SB 510 Sponsor Sen Phil Pavlov

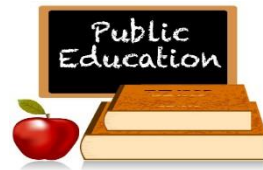
- The bill would create the "Student Online Personal Protection Act" to establish certain prohibitions and requirements that would apply to an operator of an internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used primarily for K-12 school purposes and was designed and marketed for K12 school purposes.
- Passed Senate 38-0 on November 4th
- **Bill is now in the House Education Committee**



State Open Issues

SB 103 Sponsor Sen. Phil Pavlov

- SB 103 will create the framework for evaluating teachers and school administrators, using student growth as measured by the state assessments for up to 20% of the final evaluation. The bill will provide teachers with needed feedback for improvement, keep students from having ineffective rated teacher in two consecutive years. Allows Districts to choose there own evaluation tool but lacks evaluator training per the MEA.
- New policy teacher and administrator performance evaluations with **40%** based on student growth.
- Reason for bill. Michigan's 2011 teacher tenure reform gave school districts more flexibility to pick and choose which teachers to lay off, based on evaluations. But the state hasn't yet told districts what those evaluations should look like – such as what tests should be used to measure student growth, and what other factors can be used. That's a problem because school districts have no consistent, reliable system to determine which teachers are doing well and which are failing their students and need help to get better.
- If a new evaluation is not put in place next year 50% of a teachers evaluation will be based on student growth.
- **The bill has passed the Senate and House and was sent to the Governor 10/22 for his approval.**

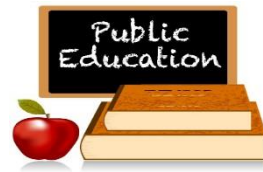


State Open Issues

HB 4822 Sponsor Rep Price, Greimel, Kelly, Zemke, Crawford, Franz & others

The **K-3 Reading Bill** plans to improve early literacy by:

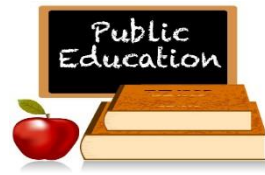
- The bill attempts to address short falls in our current education system realizing that the ability of a student to read proficiently by 4th grade is critical to education success. At 4th grade students transition from learning to read to reading to learn. In Michigan 30% of 3rd graders are not proficient, 13% in RCS and 22% in the Oakland ISD. Michigan ranks 40th in 4th grade per the 2013 NAEP.
- Bill would go into effect during the **2019-20** school year
- Focusing on early annual screening, parental notification and participation, targeted strategies and tutoring for struggling readers, intensive intervention for those students reading dramatically behind grade level, reading instruction requirements for teacher certification.
- Requires minimum benchmarks for reading skills in order to be promoted from the 3rd grade. Waiver's can be issued for children with: IEP, ELL, proficiency via portfolio, fluency in math, science, Ends current social promotion.
- 15 States have a 3rd Grade Reading bill with Retention. They include: CA, AZ, IA, MO, AR, MS, TN, IN, OH, DE, MD, FL, GA, SC, NC. Four States also allow retention as part of 3rd grade reading: WA, WV, CO, OK (per Education Week 2015)
- The House Education Committee approved 13-3-1.
- The Bill passed in the House 57-48 on 10/15/15.
- **Bill in Senate Education Committee(10/20), next meeting 11/3 no agenda yet published.**



3rd Grade Reading

Changes in House approved bill

- Changed implementation to **2019-20** school year
- Added **Hindi and Korean** as languages that are encouraged to be supported. Prior only Spanish, Chinese, Arabic
- THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLETE THE SCORING OF THE GRADE 3 STATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT, AND RELEASE THE RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT, **BY JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR**
- THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUPIL'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PUPIL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY GRANTS A GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION FOR A PUPIL, THEN A PUPIL MAY BE PROMOTED TO GRADE 4 WITHOUT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION. A GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION MAY BE GRANTED ONLY ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES UNDER SUBSECTION AND ONLY FOR 1 OF THE FOLLOWING: **STUDENT WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM WHOSE IEP TEAM MAKES THE DECISION TO EXEMPT THE PUPIL FROM THE RETENTION REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION BASED UPON THE TEAM'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE PUPIL. THIS SUBDIVISION MAY ALSO BE APPLIED TO A PUPIL WITH A SECTION 504 PLAN.**
- **Webber voted for bill. Greimel did not.**

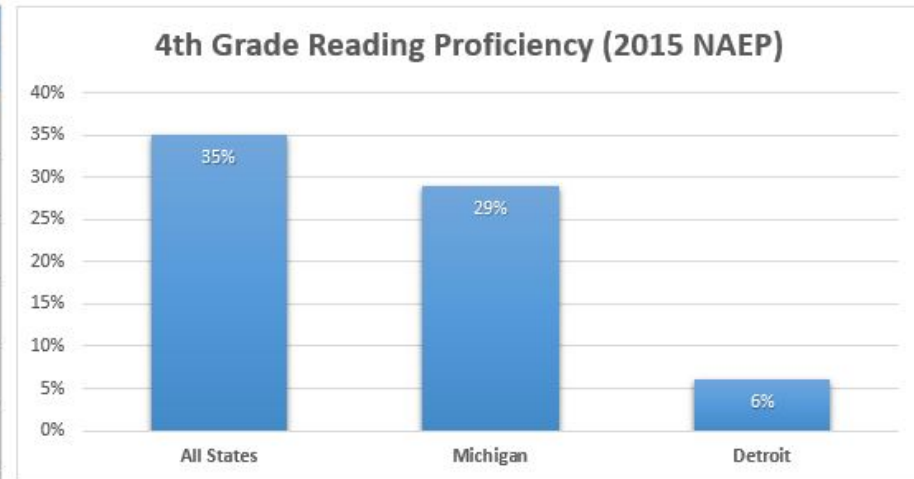


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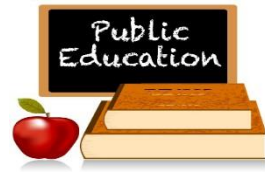


Spring 2015 State Aggregates

Grade	Percent Proficient			
	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Grade 3	50	49		
Grade 4	47	41	12	
Grade 5	49	33		22
Grade 6	45	33		
Grade 7	49	33	23	
Grade 8	48	32		30
Grade 11	49	28	29	44

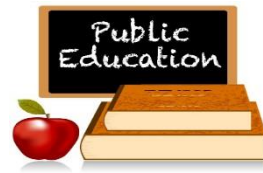


Michigan's 4th Grade Reading Score of 216 ranks ahead of NM, CA, AL, MS, NV, HI, AZ, LA & WV



Senate Education Committee

- **Phil Pavlov (R) Chair** 25th District
- **Marty Knollenberg (R) Vice Chair** 13th District
- **Darwin L Booher (R)** 35th District
- **Pat Colbeck (R)** 7th District
- **David Knezek (D) Minority Chair** 5th District



State Open Issues

HB 4396 Sponsor Rep Kurt Heise & bipartisan group

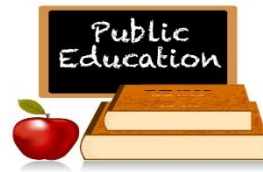
- Allow schools to start before Labor Day by removing from school code yet keeps the Friday before the holiday as a non-instruction day
- Supported by the MEA
- Referred to the Education Committee on 3/25/15

SB 567 Sponsor Sen Marty Knollenberg & David Knezek

- Eliminate the post Labor Day start date from the school code yet keeps the Friday before the holiday as a non-instruction day
- Introduced on 10/15/15 and referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 388-390 Sponsor Sen Tom Caperson

- The bills appear to enact law / constitutional changes enforcing the state to cover all cost of state and federal mandates on local government: i.e.: M-step testing, HB 4822
- Tri-County Alliance issued a call to action on 11/4 to lobby for the group of bills



State Open Issues

HB 4552 Sponsor Brett Roberts

- Requiring 25 hours of professional development in college prep and selection, and 25 hours in career counseling.
- The bill is awaiting a hearing in the House committee on workforce and talent development since May 7th

HB 4989 Sponsor Rep Ed McBroom & bipartisan group

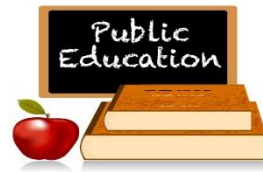
- Change the MDE Board election to a by region format with candidates chosen from each party.
- The bill was introduced and read 10/14/15

SB 102 Sponsor Sen. Pavlov & 11 others

- Would shift all employees hired after a certain date from MSPERS a hybrid pension plan to a defined contribution plan.
- Referred to the Committee on Appropriations in February 11, 2015. MSPERS to be discussed at November 3rd meeting
- The State estimates an unfunded accrued liability. Opposed by the MEA

NEW

State Open Issues



SB 581 Sponsor Sen Rick Jones

- Re-enacts prohibitions against people on sex offender list from loitering within 1,000 feet of a school. Previous law overturned as to vague by Federal Courts

HB 5007 Sponsor Rep Mike Callton

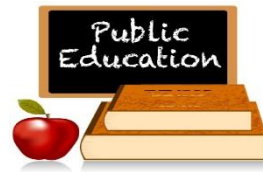
- Would modify the effective dates of school aid audits & reviews conducted by D.O.E to October 1, 2015
- Introduced 10/22/15 and referred to the Appropriations Committee

HB 5009 Sponsor Rep Jeff Irwin

- Provides income tax credits for teachers who spend their own money on school supplies
- Introduced on 10/22 and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy

HB 5010-12 Sponsor Rep Robert Kosowski

- Would allow volunteer law enforcement on school premises to patrol (9 hours per week), & provide \$2/hour income tax credit. Allows former Law Enforcement to carry CPL on school property. Requires Police to supply list of candidates.
- Introduced on 10/22 and referred to the Judiciary Committee



Federal Open Issues

Arne Duncan Resigns

- US Secretary of Education resigned and was replaced by John King Jr.

Every Child Achieves Act

- Passed by Senate on July 16th and is supported by National PTA. It does not contain portable Title 1 money language. Now off to House.

Student Success Act (H.R. 5)

- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Student Success Act (H.R. 5), which would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind (ESEA/NCLB). This has been due for reauthorization since 2007 and is the primary law governing the federal role in K-12 education.
- The PTA has concerns with components of the bill. They include the elimination of a measure that seeks to ensure education programs are sufficiently funded from year to year, the lack of adequate parameters for the use of alternate assessments, and the inclusion of Title I public school portability provisions.

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Foundation for Excellence in Education <http://excelined.org/ExcelinEdBrochure/>

Governor Rick Snyder (www.michigan.gov/snyder/issues/education)

Great Lakes Education Project (www.glep.org)

- The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) is a bi-partisan, non-profit advocacy organization supporting quality choices in public education for all Michigan students

Michigan Department of Education (www.michigan.gov/mde)

Michigan Education Association (www.mea.org)

- The Michigan Teachers Union offers 2 electronic newsletters : Capital Comments & Voice Online

Mackinaw Center for Public Policy (www.michigancapitolconfidential.com)

- Provides a conservative overview of many issues and access to critical funding, performance and related topics. Right to Work biased.

Tri-County Alliance for Public Education (www.tricountyalliance.org)

- This liberal organization is a coalition of education leaders committed to fighting for strong K-12 schools in Michigan. We work hand in hand with education leaders across the state to achieve one common goal: Ensuring all Michigan children have access to a quality public education. They push for restoring funding similar to 2010, teacher autonomy and less government oversight.

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The 74 <https://www.the74million.org/>

- The Seventy Four is a non-profit, non-partisan news site covering education in America. Mission is to lead an honest, fact-based conversation about how to give America's 74 million children under the age of 18 the education they deserve

American Federation for Children <http://www.federationforchildren.org/>

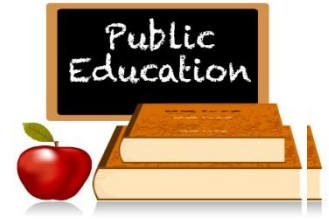
- Is breaking down barriers to educational choice by creating an education revolution that empowers parents to choose the best educational environment for their children, so all children, especially low-income children, have access to a quality education

Michigan Association of School Administrators gomasa.org

Million Michigan Voices <http://www.millionmichiganvoices.com/>

Politico Magazine <http://www.politico.com/education>

Council Mission



- Communicate legislative issues impacting K-12 education in the Rochester Area
- Host open dialogue on legislative issues sharing all sides with intent of enlightening
- Lobby Legislators, PTA, parents and community to support bills and issues impacting K-12 education in the Rochester Area
- Work with a kids first, outcomes based approach that stresses a local \ state control mindset.
- Support and empower families and ensure all children are provided a high-quality education that enables them to reach their full potential.