

EDUCATION

PUTTING MICHIGAN STUDENTS FIRST



VISION

Governor Whitmer believes students belong in school and our school staff need more resources to help them succeed. The education budget she is proposing would be the biggest state education funding increase in 20 years—without raising taxes. It would make game-changing investments in every student, in every district, fund school construction and mental health at a historic scale, and retain hundreds of thousands of school staff. The budget makes schools safer, helps every student be a better student, helps every teacher be a great teacher, and helps our kids be kids.

INVESTMENTS

- \$18.4 billion investment in education—the most in Michigan history.
- Highest ever per-student funding—\$9,135 for every kid in every district to improve their classroom experience. More personalized learning, new textbooks and equipment, smaller class sizes, and more extracurriculars, AP, and honors classes.
- A \$2,000 bonus for every school employee—teacher, aides, paraprofessionals, custodians, administration, bus drivers, cafeteria workers—this fall and another \$2,000 bonus for staff that come back to their district in 2023.
- \$11,000 in total bonuses for teachers and certified school staff including school social workers and nurses who stick with their districts for four years.
- \$1 billion for school construction and renovations. Funds to improve air and water quality and build or refurbish classrooms, cafeterias, gyms, and more. Resources to improve classrooms for students to learn math, science, computer science, and technology.
- Grants to make schools safer for students and staff in the classroom.
- Enhanced support for special education, economically disadvantaged students, rural districts, and English language learners.
- Growing career and technical education to put more young Michiganders on paths to good-paying jobs.
- Free preschool under the Great Start Readiness Program for all eligible 4-year-olds
- Resources to hire and train 10,000 new teachers, hundreds of on-campus mental health professionals.
- Open 40 school-based health clinics to serve 20,000 students.