



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Alabas
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Farhat
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
Rep. Joey Andrews, District 38; Rep. Jasper Martus, District 69; Rep. Jimmie Wilson Jr., District 32; Rep. Stephanie Young, District 16; Rep. Phil Green, District 67; Rep. Nancy Jenkins-Arno, District 34
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
11687 American St, Detroit, MI 48204
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
N/A
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Though Schools to Tools benefits schools and students across the state, the physical offices for MRCC are located in House District 8, State Rep. Helena Scott.
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. The Schools to Tools Mobile Field Trip is used to expose Middle- and High-School students to the building trades and Apprenticeship opportunities. It travels to schools from SE Michigan, Mid-Michigan, West-Michigan, and the UP, and has reached more than 24,000 students in the year and a half it has been on the road. This grant will enable

the continuation of this impactful program, expanding educational opportunities for students and supporting our trade sector.

This funding will also be used to reach School Teachers and School Counselors to help them receive professional development relevant to CTE programs, jobs in the CTE umbrella, and Apprenticeships. MRCC has developed a State-approved SCECH training, and the Schools to Tools grant allows those trainings and materials to be offered for free.

Finally, the grant will help MRCC conduct career days for students and their parents at training centers across the state and will help MRCC offer summer-camp opportunities for students to get hands-on experience.

9. **Attach documents here if needed:**

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. **The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.**

3000000

11. **Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.**

["State"]

12. **Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:**

Non-profit organization

13. **For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?**

Yes

14. **For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?**

Yes

15. **For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?**

Yes

16. **For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'**

Tom Lutz, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mike Barnwell, President Rich Williamson  
Mike Jackson Jr Tod Sandy Trustees: Paul Jewell Vince Dawe Mike Davis Jr. Mike Parrott  
Tyler McCastle

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

10/1/2025 - 9/30/2028

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes

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TO TOOLS®







## WHAT IS SCHOOLS TO TOOLS®?

Schools to Tools is a program of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights. It's aimed at providing students, parents, teachers and school counselors with the information, training and hands on experiences they need to explore skilled trades careers. We do this by:

- Offering **monthly training center campus visits** for students and their parents
- Providing schools **training center campus tours** and interactive Q&A lunches with a carpenter
- Hosting informational **career days**
- Providing **summer camps**
- Bringing our innovative **mobile field trip** to schools
- **1:1 consultation meetings** with prospective students
- **And more!**

Learn about Schools to Tools programs at [SCHOOLSTOTOOLS.ORG](https://SCHOOLSTOTOOLS.ORG)



**Amazing! The Schools to Tools program allows our students to not only see themselves as a Carpenter or Millwright, but it also allows them to see what it's like to stand on top of the Gordie Howe Bridge and get a virtual view of what life could be like in the skilled trades. I highly recommend this to educators across the state.**

**ALLAN WASHINGTON**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,  
SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL IN DETROIT**



**Schools to Tools created a fun and dynamic environment that captivated our students. Their program bridges education and real-world opportunities for our students! They are amazing!**

**MELISSA ANGLEBRANDT**

**CAREER AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR,  
GOODRICH HIGH SCHOOL**



SEE IT IN ACTION AND  
HEAR FROM STUDENTS  
IN THEIR OWN WORDS!

## WE BRING THE FIELD TRIP TO SCHOOLS!

Our Mobile Field Trip brings hands-on challenges and virtual experiences to schools across Michigan. Educators are able to request our Mobile Field Trip to come to their school and experience:

- 360° virtual reality tour of construction sites
- A multi-media wall featuring apprentice stories from all walks of life
- A union and skilled trades trivia game
- A virtual welder and augmented reality job site exploration area
- Hands-on outdoor challenge stations that put real tools in the hands of students

Best of all, our Mobile Field Trip is fully staffed by our Schools to Tools team, including local apprentices that students can relate to and learn from!

# MOBILE FIELD TRIP

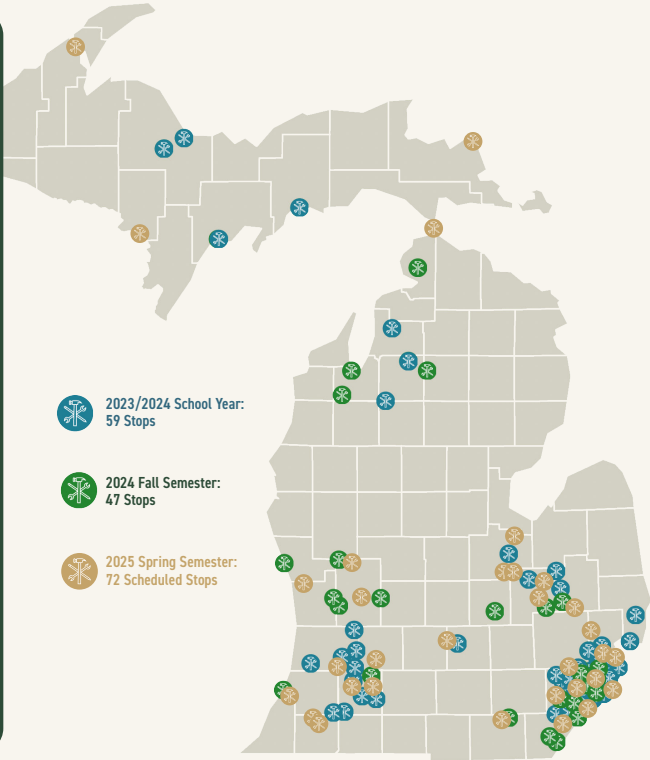
LEARN MORE & WATCH THE VIDEO:  
[MRCC.LINK/MFT](https://mrcc.link/mft)

FROM LABOR DAY 2023 - DEC. 2024, WE'VE REACHED:

**106** SCHOOLS    **1,598** EDUCATORS    **19,405** STUDENTS    **4,448** STUDENTS REQUESTING MORE INFO

## SCHOOL YEAR STOPS FALL 2024 | COMPLETED

Covenant High School Southwest	Brewer Academy Detroit
Davison Alternative High School	Farmington Central HS
Livonia Career Technical Center	The Potter's House HS
Ida High School	Delton Kellogg High School
Davis Aerospace Technical HS	South Haven High School
Lincoln High School	Creative Technology Academy
Grosse Ile High School	54th Street Academy
Athens High School	Muskegon High School
Lincoln Park High School	Marion Law Academy
Madison Middle School	Mason High School
Lapeer High School	Traverse City Career Tech
Hope of Detroit Middle/High School	Alanson Public Schools
Ford Theater for Performing Arts	Grayling High School
Edsel Ford High	Buckley Community Schools
Paul K Cousino High School	Saranac Community Schools
Anchor Bay High School	Godwin Heights
Fowlerville High School	John Glenn High School (Wayne)
Lincoln High School (Warren)	Ferndale Middle School
Western International HS	Center Line High School
Trenton High School	Stevenson High School
Heritage High School	John Glenn High School (Arenac)
Arenac Community HS	Goodrich High School
Power Middle School	Hart Middle School
Crescent Academy Middle School	



The Mobile Field Trip provided our students an exposure to trade programs that they couldn't have gotten anywhere else. We look forward to having them back at our school for years to come.

**CHUCK FULLER**  
PRINCIPAL, IDA HIGH SCHOOL



# TRAINING EDUCATORS

We offer both an in-person and online career-based SCECH training option that satisfies state training requirements and empowers educators to help their students explore skilled-trades career opportunities.

We have scheduled 17 SCECH trainings for the first half of 2025 with more to come in the 2025/2026 school year:

## WHY JOIN US IN PERSON?

- IT'S FREE
- COUNTS AS CAREER-BASED SCECH HOURS
- 3-HOUR SEMINAR
- INCLUDES A FREE MEAL & TRAINING CENTER TOUR
- FREE GIFT FOR ATTENDEES
- FREE CLASSROOM MATERIALS

## OR JOIN US ONLINE

FOR A FREE 1-HOUR  
INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION  
& MATERIALS MAILED TO YOU

SIGN UP FOR SCECH  
TRAININGS HERE:



## WHAT EDUCATORS HAVE TO SAY



Schools to Tools is an incredible program that introduces tangible career paths to students who previously had not known about them.

**TORY THRUSH**

CAREER/COLLEGE READINESS CONSULTANT  
CHARLEVOIX-EMMET ISD



We are so delighted that Schools to Tools exists so that students in Kent County can learn about family supporting wages for occupations that use their brains and hands to make our communities better.

**KRISTA HARMON**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT  
KENT COUNTY ISD/MICHCDA PAST PRESIDENT



The Schools to Tools program provides a fun and fresh look into the skilled trades.

**BENIKA LONGMIRE**

FACILITATOR OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS  
MUSKEGON HIGH SCHOOL







## TOURING OUR TRAINING CENTER CAMPUSES

Just like a college visit! Our doors are open to students, parents, and schools to see what an Apprenticeship-based education looks like.

- Available at our training centers in Detroit, Grayling, Negaunee, Saginaw or Wayland
- Monthly-scheduled tours for families
- Scheduled school tours for entire classes to tour and participate in an interactive Q&A session with MRCC carpenters and millwrights over lunch.
- Scheduled 1:1 consultations with a member of the MRCC team to learn about the union, career, and next steps.

## CAREER DAYS

A day for prospective students to directly learn from those in the skilled trades and expand their interests. At career days, students:

- Learn about the training and education required for careers in skilled trades
- Use real tools they'd potentially use on the job
- Hear from apprentices, instructors, and leaders in their field of interest.



There are a lot of rewarding careers in the trades and I think Schools to Tools really opens our students' eyes to those opportunities.

**JANET GENDELMAN**

SCHOOL TO WORK COORDINATOR  
UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS





# HANDS-ON SUMMER CAMPS:

Our day-camp gives students the chance to learn construction safety and lifelong basic carpentry skills, and then put those skills to work on projects that give back to the community.

- Summer Camp students build park benches, repair front-porch railings, and more.
- Students are paid for their time at camp, helping them learn the value of their labor and new-found skill.

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP:



## HIRING COMBINE:

We bring potential trades employers to carpenters in an “NFL-style” skills competition.

This allows potential Carpenters to showcase their hustle and skill, and get hired on the spot.

Contractors report they are incredibly lucky to achieve 50% retention from traditional career fair hiring, but easily exceed 95% retention of combine hires.







Set up a tour, mobile field trip, campus  
visit and more at:

[SCHOOLSTOTOOLS.ORG](https://SCHOOLSTOTOOLS.ORG)

