



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Bryan
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Posthumus
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.  
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Grand Rapids Public Schools
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1331 M.L.K Jr St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506
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:  
Representatives Glanville (84th), Fitzgerald (83rd), Grant (82nd), Skaggs (80th), and Wooden (81st)
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.  
\$1.2M to Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) that was withheld from MI Meals funding due responsible consolidation efforts and food service partnerships with local districts, including West Michigan Aviation Academy and East Grand Rapids High School. The unintended consequences of the state's administration of the program are resulting in significant financial deficits that threaten the stability of food service operations of GRPS and their partnering schools in West Michigan.  
The state's implementation of the MI Meals program has inadvertently created a financial challenge for GRPS, which serves as the food service provider for several partner

districts, including East Grand Rapids Public Schools (EGRPS) and West Michigan Aviation Academy (WMAA), through long-standing “alternate agreements” approved by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). These agreements have been in place since at least 2010. Unfortunately, a technical error in the 30d language has resulted in GRPS receiving significantly less funding than anticipated.

The Issue: The financial shortfall stems from the way in which the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) calculates funding for districts under the 30d language of the Michigan School Meals Program. Due to the structure of our alternate agreements, GRPS has been disproportionately affected by this error. In particular, reductions in funding under the 30d/31d payment structure have led to the following financial impacts:

GRPS: A reduction of approximately \$597,916 in 30d funding for FY 24.

GRPS Pending Payments: An additional \$89,687 in 30d/31d payments are still pending for FY 24.

Lost Indirect Funds: GRPS has experienced an estimated loss of \$315,000 in indirect funding due to the reduction in food service revenue.

East Grand Rapids Public Schools (EGRPS): EGRPS has experienced a total loss of \$122,510 in 30d funding for August/September FY 25, as well as a loss of \$79,115 in 31d funding for FY 25.

West MI Aviation Academy (WMAA): WMAA has experienced a total loss of \$106,474 in 30d funding for August/September FY 25, as well as a loss of \$43,153 in 31d funding for FY 25.

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.**

1200000

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

["Federal","State","Local","Private"]

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

Local unit government

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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.'

N/A

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:

Immediately

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

Yes