



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Tim
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Kelly
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:  
Michigan Virtual
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
920 Municipal Way, Lansing, MI 48917
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:  
statewide benefit
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. Last year, Michigan Virtual delivered services to 99% of Michigan's local education agencies (LEAs), 100% of public school academy in the state, and 77% of all nonpublic schools—underscoring its statewide reach, operational efficiency, and substantial public benefit through economies of scale. Michigan Virtual continues to engage in impactful initiatives to support Michigan's entire K-12 education system based on directives outlined in the State School Aid Act, calling on Michigan Virtual to "support and accelerate innovation in education."

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.

9800000

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.'

Amanda Wagenschutz, Board Chair, CMS Energy, Stephanie Teasley, Board Vice Chair, Retired School of Information at U-M Darrell Burks, Board Secretary/Treasurer, Retired PricewaterhouseCoopers Brian Broderick, Audit Chair, Michigan Association of Non-public Schools Prentiss Brown, Attorney Rossi Ray-Taylor, Ray.Taylor and Associates, L.L.C Daniel F. Kiblawi, Retired Egelhof Controls Corporation Wendy Zdeb, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Brendan Guenther, MSU Dr. Michael Rice, Michigan Department of Education Jeff Williams, Johnson Center for Philanthropy, Grand Valley State University Tiffany Taylor, Global Silicon Valley Ventures Brandy Johnson, Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Dr. John Severson, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators Chandra Madafferri, Michigan Education Association Jamey Fitzpatrick, Michigan Virtual

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:

FY 26: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

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

Yes



April 14, 2025

Representative Tim Kelly  
Anderson House Office Building  
N-1197 House Office Building  
Lansing, MI 48933

Honorable Kelly:

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Michigan Virtual continues to engage in impactful initiatives to support Michigan's entire K-12 education system. During the 2023-24 school year, over 200,000 students used an online instructional service or enrolled in a supplemental course from Michigan Virtual. In addition, we provided more than 115,000 school and childcare personnel with professional development programming, serving 99% of all LEAs, 100% of public school academies, and 77% of all nonpublic schools in the state.

We continue to experience an extraordinary surge in demand for our online professional learning services. Last year, the adult learners we served accounted for over 342,000 enrollments (a 34% increase from FY 23), equating to more than 730,000 learning hours. Over the past three years, Michigan Virtual has provided more than 1.6 million hours of online professional development to Michigan school personnel, demonstrating significant economies of scale and efficiency as well as substantial public benefit.

Educator requests for technical assistance, training, and practical guidance to implement AI locally have expanded significantly. In response, Michigan Virtual launched its AI Lab in 2023 as a statewide hub for research, experimentation, policy development, and professional learning focused on the responsible use of AI in K-12 schools. We have published several key resources for schools—including an AI Integration Framework & Guide and an AI Literacy Video Series. We have also provided face-to-face AI training to over 15,000 educators.

Michigan Virtual continues to be uniquely positioned to support Michigan educators and students statewide as we respond to directives outlined in Section 98 of the State School Aid Act, calling on Michigan Virtual to "support and accelerate innovation in education." We look forward to continuing our work with policymakers to support Michigan schools as they implement new delivery models.

Sincerely,

Jamey Fitzpatrick  
President & CEO