



**Member Matters: Planning for Summer School  
Chat Log  
April 20, 2021**

12:08:05 From susan baskett : Don is being so kind when he speaks of the legislators.

12:19:48 From susan baskett : can the districts charge parents of SOC students who want to participate in the summer programs?

12:20:55 From Bob Grover : We were led to believe that Monday through Friday was required, but some hours and programming variances within those parameters.

12:23:50 From Jennifer Smith : Here's the MDE memo. It came out on Monday.  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/UPDATE\\_Section\\_23b\\_Programs\\_722550\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/UPDATE_Section_23b_Programs_722550_7.pdf)

12:23:53 From susan baskett : Thank you. We are all in a tight spot

12:25:52 From Jennifer Smith : There has been talk of fixing the schools of choice piece for funding in the budget, however, whether or not they'll have it done by June 15 to matter for districts is a big question.

12:29:56 From Kenneth Hornecker : when selecting students - what criteria are looked at? Doe grade matter?

12:32:03 From Holly Spencer : we're offering busing

12:32:21 From Beth Barnard : Summer school has a bad rap with parent/kids. How are districts trying to make this more appealing?

12:32:41 From Jill Fennessy : Tri County plans to provide transportation for our summer school students

12:33:15 From susan baskett : Beth, we call it, 'summer learning options' and make it more of a camp feel vs. remedial programs

12:33:59 From Kerri Jent : We are offering busing as well. We are offering breakfast and lunch daily. We are offering an innovative approach with the mindset of supporting the whole child. We have an SEL piece we are adding to our week.

12:34:09 From Deborah Harvill : DPSCD is providing bussing and we have GRAB and GO feeding.

12:34:43 From Deborah Harvill : More info forthcoming.

12:34:44 From Kerri Jent : We have an overall safari appeal for elementary. We are including the community to go out on safari to apply learning throughout the week.

12:36:42 From Denise DuFort : We have 'Comet camp' for k-2 students, which students are invited to. Also will be offering weekly modules thru high school that will be topic/subject based so students may chose to attend one or all if interested as enrichment.

12:36:49 From Kerri Jent : How is the stipends working?

12:38:16 From Deborah Harvill : We just closed for RFPs for groups or tems that are interested in serving students

12:38:43 From Kerri Jent : Do they have to work the entire 8 weeks to receive that stipend?

12:42:04 From Deborah Harvill : We are using buildings that have air. That is approximately 40 bldgs. Other bldgs. will be closed for summer school and we will be working on some infrastructure issues

12:42:38 From Kerri Jent : Okay perfect, thank you!

12:42:47 From Mary McClellan : Another option for outdoor settings instead of rentals, would be using the large tunnel greenhouses. Bonus is they remain and can be used for all 4 seasons for many years. Something we looked into at my son's school years back.

12:45:00 From Jennifer Smith : we are still calling it ESSER III =)

12:45:08 From susan baskett : lol

12:46:06 From Jeff McCubbin : Any update on release of remaining federal funds?

12:46:11 From Denise DuFort : Clarification-if we have a county emergency declared we can still meet virtually, correct?

12:46:42 From Don Wotruba : Jeff - the money still requires state appropriation and that is not happening quickly

12:47:22 From Don Wotruba : Denise - Yes if there is an emergency declaration you have the ability to remain remote, but it does need to be renewed by the municipal government

12:49:05 From Beth Barnard : So kids can attend some or all of the summer school? I have seen where modules that kids can pick and choose from. Can this get the counts up and will the school qualify for the per student dollars even if they do not attend all 8 weeks?

12:51:32 From Beth Barnard : Modules can improve attendance & focus.

12:54:43 From Jeff McCubbin : How is additional classes, i.e. summer programs, affected if Covid-19 numbers go adverse and thus limited attendance availability or can they go virtual?

12:56:26 From Jill Fennessy : Do we know why they are excluding SOC students from a district's program?

12:57:17 From Claudia Heinrich : The information my district is putting together says students that reside in the school district boundaries, nothing about current enrollment

12:57:27 From Jill Fennessy : Seems it would be easier to reimburse schools

12:57:47 From Beth Scott : Does it matter where children are coming from? Let them learn!

12:58:22 From Mary McClellan : To me that language seems to suggest it would not apply to future Y5/K students.

12:58:24 From Jill Fennessy : I agree with Beth!

12:58:29 From susan baskett : Agree Beth, but everyone should be able to know the impact to our budgets.

13:00:02 From Beth Scott : Kids matter period!

13:00:12 From Rebecca Chambliss : I agree with Beth

13:00:15 From susan baskett : agree

13:00:18 From Don Wotruba : We agree Beth

13:00:36 From Jill Fennessy : Thank you Jen

13:00:58 From susan baskett : Thank you everyone! Always learn so much!

13:01:02 From Mary McClellan : Thanks for the great information.

13:01:08 From Stacy Bogard : Feel free to send any future topic ideas to [comms@masb.org](mailto:comms@masb.org).

13:01:10 From Claudia Heinrich : Thank you!

13:01:17 From Jill Fennessy : Super discussion, thank you

13:01:17 From Rebecca Chambliss : So if a school did not apply at all yet is there time to try still?

13:01:27 From Kerri Jent : Thank you!

13:01:33 From Mary Hanser (she/her) : Thank you!

13:01:48 From Jennifer Smith : eligible pupil definition is page 24, line 3:  
<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/billconcurrent/House/pdf/2021-HCB-4048.pdf>

13:01:50 From Deborah Harvill : Thank you very much!

13:02:00 From Denise DuFort : Thanks

13:02:08 From Angela Shinaver - Portland Public Schools : Thank you!!!  
13:02:08 From Mary Hall-Rayford : Thank you  
13:02:11 From Beth Barnard : Thanks!  
13:02:11 From Lana Ford : Thank you everyone. Very interesting!