



**Member Matters: Planning for and Budgeting at the District Level
Chat Log
June 2, 2020**

- 12:01:18 From John Siemion : Good morning Don!
- 12:12:24 From Michael Colucci : If there is proration, how would that effects this year's school aid to districts, since our budgets close on June 30?
- 12:13:55 From Don Wotruba : You continue to get revenue from the state in payments for the current year after June payment. There would likely be reductions from those remaining payments.
- 12:16:03 From Howard Baron : The Gov. is testifying in front of the US House right now.
- 12:16:55 From Bob Grover : HB 267 request that the federal government not give the state any more funding and is sponsored by 10 house members. This should be shared and discouraged on all levels as it hurts schools and all other state agencies.
- 12:17:48 From Jeff Brown : Any chance there will be a suspension of the “ watch list” for Districts who may go below the 5% threshold, in their fund balance temporarily?
- 12:18:04 From Denise Forrest : Two reps who signed that are from Huron Valley Schools. Matt Macc
- 12:19:02 From Denise Forrest : Sorry - Matt Maddock - district 44 nd Ryan Berman - district 39
- 12:19:18 From Rich Rossway : I thought the CARES Act \$ was limited to at risk and low income Programs? (Title 1 and 32A) I'm on the Marquette School Board and was informed we would receive \$275,000, but have yet to receive any funding.
- 12:20:07 From Pete Kudlak : Any discussion about flat cuts, % cuts,, or a reverse 2x cut? The three do wildly different things.
- 12:20:32 From Garth Cooper : Is there any movement on student enrollment safeguards, specifically allowing districts to count on no less than their 2019 count?
- 12:21:44 From Mary Angst : Any discussion on a temporary reprieve/relief on the MSERPS rate/contributions?

12:23:35 From Bob Grover : Any talk about MMC changes, especially foreign language. This can dramatically impact what we offer programmatically and staffing associated.

12:25:06 From Jeff Brown : any chance there might be changes to seat time waivers to give districts more flexibility in 2020-21 to deliver curriculum ?

12:26:54 From Michael Mcvey : I applied to serve on the Return to School Advisory Council but have not heard yet.

12:27:16 From Jeff Brown : same here

12:27:44 From Robert Becker : Same with me

12:28:06 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : same here

12:28:09 From Jan Van Gasse : Me too

12:28:10 From Kenneth Stahl : same

12:28:35 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : same

12:28:50 From Mike Lytle : Same

12:29:17 From Mark Haag : Most in Lenawee County budgeting for \$500-750 cut per student

12:29:33 From Jeff Brown : I would like to share our current plans

12:29:33 From Jennifer Goodman : For this year or next year or both?

12:29:41 From Jeff Leonhardt : can people please introduce themselves?

12:29:43 From Pete Kudlak : I can share what we are doing.

12:33:55 From Doug Ogden Whitehall : what school district was that last speaker ?

12:34:21 From Stacy Bogard : Van Buren Public Schools

12:34:22 From Denise Forrest : Van Buren - Wayne Co

12:34:31 From Doug Ogden Whitehall : thank you

12:34:38 From Wes Seeley : Are districts discussing the potential loss of FTEs in their budgeting process if parents look at other education options if schools do not open face to face or even as a blended model?

12:35:04 From Mark Haag : To clarify, for FY21 "Most in Lenawee County budgeting for \$500-750 cut per student"

12:35:27 From Jennifer Goodman : Anything for this year Mark?

12:35:59 From Bob Grover : Are schools looking at multiple options for parents: onsite full, hybrid and virtual?

12:36:19 From Mark Haag : Waiting to hear for this year, as discussed.....any cut that comes their way for FY20 would largely have to be absorbed, as the year is basically over from a budget standpoint

12:36:19 From Barbara Read : Oakland VLAC is a great option. You keep your students, and they get a great learning option.

12:36:27 From Ric Seager : Watervliet Public Schools is building a plan

12:36:31 From Linda Van Houten : I can share

12:36:43 From Ric Seager : We do have a plan to keep kids virtually

12:37:06 From Michael Colucci : I have been strongly encouraging our Supt to plan for out of school options for parents for fall but haven't received much traction so far.

12:37:09 From Pete Kudlak : We started talking and are expanding our online program. We will layoff more teachers in the fall, if needed.

12:37:09 From Barbara Read : <https://www.virtuallearningacademyconsortium.org>

12:37:51 From Mark Haag : All or most Lenawee County districts are all exploring having an online option to offer families; seeking appropriate waivers as needed. We feel this is a reality for our families we have to explore.....as we are hearing several families that are seeking these options; whether through our schools or other options

12:37:55 From Barbara Read : The VLAC grades go through your school and any leftover funding returns to your school.

12:39:45 From Jen Smith : It won't be significant, but private schools are worried parents won't be able or want to pay tuition for their schools and will look to public options. This, plus parent concerns you are all raising (and I'm noting!), is why we are working for a known pupil count for districts to budget from.

12:40:55 From Howard Baron : Is the MEA sending any direction to the locals about resisting freezing salaries/steps?

12:41:43 From Bob Grover : Has anyone discussed transportation based on the CDC recommendations? We bus 80% of our students covering a vast area (400 square miles) using 25 buses. We cannot handle it or make it happen.

12:42:12 From Jeff McCubbin : Kalamazoo county districts are working as a group to build online options that keeps students in current districts.

12:42:17 From Jill Fennessy : I have the same question as Bob

12:43:16 From Paul Hungerford : Jeff, we're beginning to have similar discussion at the Gratiot-Isabella RESD level as well...we're just beginning to have those talks.

12:44:06 From Dallas Walton : We are waiting for recommendation from Dean Transportation

12:44:08 From Carol Finkelstein : i can speak to the West Bloomfield model if you'd like It's been widely covered in the news media

12:45:07 From Jeff Brown : We bus 715,000 miles per year...so this part will be a challenge.

12:45:29 From Kenneth Stahl : i'll comment

12:48:01 From Michael Mcvey : Advisory Council will dissolve on Aug. 30.

12:49:52 From Bob Grover : And pay more drivers with what? Already cutting funds.

12:50:57 From Michael Colucci : I do want to applaud the decision to hold MASB conf virtually in the fall.

12:51:05 From Doug Ogden Whitehall : I'm

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12:51:35 From Jeff Brown : has anyone began to consider Sports, Band etc...

12:51:52 From Michael Mcvey : I think a future gathering like this might discuss district legal liabilities.

12:52:03 From Bob Grover : EO 110 opening things up. Thoughts and impact?

12:52:04 From Kimberly Willis : Given where we are with the pandemic, has any ISD or district discussed an earlier start to the school year?

12:52:38 From Jen Smith : there is guidance out from MHSAA and some was addressed in yesterdays EO

12:52:52 From Mary Angst : Can you share contact info for federal representatives/congress?

12:53:15 From Doug Ogden Whitehall : today I took a recent graduate to take the teacher license test. how on target is the licensing process

12:53:24 From Jeff McCubbin : Does this new model of online/onsite lead us to what could be anticipated for the future of education. And are leaders looking at how this can be implemented?

12:54:36 From Kenneth Stahl : Thank you all I have another meeting.

12:55:45 From Eric-John Szczepaniak : Should we be meeting in person as a board this month?

12:56:11 From Jen Smith : The best way to contact your federal people is through their official websites. If you don't know who represents you, there is a link to find out at www.masb.org/evocate

12:56:31 From Michael Colucci : Can we have an in person meeting outdoors

12:56:59 From Jen Smith : we also have an alert you can use to contact your member at <https://cqrcengage.com/masb/actioncenter>

12:57:28 From Howard Baron : Get on board documents needs to be updated from 2018 to 2020.

12:57:44 From Stacy Bogard : Thanks Howard, they are in process.

12:58:01 From John Krolewski : With regard to our budget hearings and the necessary post to local newspapers, should we still be planning to hold that meeting virtually?

12:58:46 From Jen Smith : my district is doing the same as Don's on Thursday.

13:01:48 From Mary Angst : Thank you for hosting and your time today!

13:02:01 From Pete Kudlak : Thanks, Don!

13:02:02 From John Krolewski : Thank you to MASB staff!

13:02:02 From Jeff Brown : Thanks!

13:02:04 From Howard Baron : we need to change the state law to allow virtual voting in the future.

13:02:05 From Wendy Rodewald : Thank you. This was good information.

13:02:08 From Jennifer Goodman : Thank you!

13:02:11 From Dawn Kalkman : Thank you MASB staff! You've been nothing short of amazing support to our districts.

13:02:12 From Jill Fennessy : Thank you, great information

13:02:12 From Brandi Bishop : Thank you.

13:02:21 From Linda Van Houten : Thank you so much -helpful information

13:02:25 From Tim Ciechorski : Thank you for having me.

13:02:33 From Adam Cocco : Thank you. Very helpful.

13:02:39 From Anthony Faulkner : Thank you for the discussion

13:02:50 From Barbara Read : thanks!

13:02:54 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : Thank you