

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

- 1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Nancy
- 2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Jenkins-Arno
- 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: Lenawee Intermediate School District
- 5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for: 4107 N Adrian Hwy, Adrian, MI 49221
- 6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  $\rm N/A$
- Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located: Nancy Jenkins-Arno
- 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. We are seeking categorical funding for a pilot projected to span three years at a total cost of \$2.6 million. This pilot program will encompass a diverse range of districts, representing urban, rural, suburban, and city communities. On average, each participating district will oversee four buildings, including elementary, middle school, and high schools. To ensure the program's success, participating districts will receive one training and one onboarding session annually.

Furthermore, districts will enjoy unrestricted access to a multitude of customizable dashboards, each tailored to the unique needs of individual students. To facilitate ongoing improvement, quarterly reports identifying trends will be delivered at both the district and

building levels.

The allocated funds will be judiciously utilized for software updates based on school partner needs, comprehensive training programs, onboarding sessions, and the necessary staffing, to ensure the effective implementation and sustainability of success for this vital initiative.

During the pilot period and at the conclusion of the pilot, we will provide trends of evidence on the following topics:

Absenteeism Suspensions/expulsions Behavior incidents Students feeling connected Students sense of belonging Student self-esteem Student motivation Dropout rate Anxiety and depression Feeling unsafe at school Top 3 support needs at building level, district level and state level Seasonal trends Gender trends Grade trends

This pilot program serves a clear public good by addressing critical factors that impact student success and well-being across a diverse range of school districts, including urban, rural, and suburban communities. By focusing on data-informed strategies to improve student outcomes such as absenteeism, suspensions, mental health, motivation, and sense of belonging, the program promotes equity and ensures that resources are tailored to meet the unique needs of each district and student. Through comprehensive training, customized dashboards, and ongoing support, the initiative empowers schools to make timely, evidence-based decisions that enhance student support systems. Ultimately, the program aims to foster healthier school environments, reduce dropout rates, and build long-term capacity within districts—yielding benefits that extend beyond education to positively impact society as a whole.

## 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. 2600000
- 11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.["State"]

- Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item: School District
- 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? 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.' NA
- 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: Oct 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027
- 19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate." Yes