



MSD LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP 2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SCHOOL FUNDING

We support providing the same percentage increase to all schools based on prior year funding. We support funding increases to be at or greater than the current rate of inflation. We support restoring the complexity funding to a level that will allow Districts to provide an equitable, quality education to all students from all backgrounds. To properly educate the ever growing ELL population takes extra resources in the classrooms.

TEACHER SALARIES

We support giving School Districts latitude in how they pay their teachers in order to allow the teachers, through innovation and achievement driven results, to be rewarded with increased Career earnings. Teacher retention is an issue as market pressures from the business sector cause teachers to leave the profession when they look at their potential future wages.

PROTECTED TAXES WAIVER

We support the continuation of the protected taxes waiver. We support making this waiver a permanent waiver rather than having to extend it during subsequent legislative sessions.

CIRCUIT BREAKER ASSISTANCE

We support the reinstatement of the circuit breaker assistance for public schools. As the circuit breaker amount rises each year, it continues to put pressure on the school's Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Fund to

the point that schools have to put off much needed repairs to their buildings and reduce the number of students they are able to transport on a daily basis.

ADM COUNT

We would support the reinstatement of the second ADM count day provided it would not harm schools if their ADM would go down, but would financially assist those schools that have an increase in their ADM on the second count day.

BACKGROUND CHECK

We support the continuing background check legislation that was passed in 2017. We also support legislation that would fully fund the initiative.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

We support funding for all children to be able to attend preschool. Giving children a solid foundation prior to entering Kindergarten is vital. Children who do not receive a preschool education are at a great disadvantage socially, emotionally and academically compared to those who do attend a preschool.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

We support allowing tax credits to offset state tax liability for individual or corporate donations made to public education foundations which utilize funds to support student education.

GRADUATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

We support creating a special diploma designation with specific outcomes identified which awards students who have obtained necessary skills for gainful employment and self-sufficiency in society. We support removing these students from the drop out cohort.