

CLARENCEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

December 11, 2025

Location: Board of Education Meeting Room 100 - Clarenceville Middle School

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purposes of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes: Regular Meeting November 13, 2025 (4-7)
Study Session Dated November 20, 2025
7. Recognition: Paxton Lumley
8. **Routine Items**

a. Consent Agenda

- **Checks** # 17956 - 18059 - \$ 356,754.20 & Electronic Payments \$1,000,755.88
- **Personnel:** (8-13)
 - Staffing: Retirement -**
Michael French - Library Teacher - Botsford & Grandview - Effective January 23, 2026

Staffing: New Hire: Sandra Purcell - 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher - Effective December 10, 2025

Resignations/Terminations:

Michael DeCenso - Special Education Teacher - High School - Effective November 18, 2025
Jacqueline Gillespie- Middle School Teacher - Effective December 5, 2025

Staff Tenure: None

Transfers:

Tori Agne - Middle School Stem Teacher to Middle School Robotics & Coding Teacher - Effective November 29, 2025

Amisha Ingram - Middle School Art teacher to High School Art Teacher - Effective December 1, 2025

Donations:

Joseph Alessandrini - Boys Basketball \$200.00 Donation from Nancy Gad-Harf

Items on the consent agenda are to be voted on as a single item by the board. Board members may remove items from the consent agenda prior to the vote. Items which are removed from the consent agenda will be discussed individually following the vote on the consent agenda. Details of the check register can be found on the district's website at www.clarencevilleschools.org, district, central services, business office.

Motion by Member _____, supported by Member _____, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

R.C.V. Yea:

Nay:

Motion was passed/rejected

11. Communications and/or Petitions:

OCSBA dinner - January 21, 2026, last day to register January 14, 2026 (14)

12. Expressions from the Public

Consistent with the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, this time is allocated to provide individuals an opportunity to address the Board of Education. In order to maintain an efficient meeting, individuals shall have three minutes each to address the Board. The Board suggests that if there are multiple people addressing the Board with the same issue, that the group appoint a spokesperson. The Board is not required to answer questions; it will refer most issues to the Superintendent. 30 minutes of time have been allotted for this initial speaking opportunity. Should there be more people wanting to speak after 30 minutes, time will be provided later in the meeting agenda.

13. Old Business

14. Reports

- a. High School Student Representative Report
- b. Board of Education Reports
- c. Learning Services- T. Constant
- d. Special Services- J. Zewatsky
- e. Business/Support Services – D. Bergeron
- f. Superintendent Reports - M. Carruth

15. Tabled Items

16. New Business

- a. Plante Moran - D. Bergeron, Chris Geck & Staephania Atkinson
- b. OCSBA Resolutions - M. Carruth (15-22)
- c. Bond Update- M.Carruth

17. Others

18. Additional Expressions from the Public

19. Adjournment:

Reminders:

Dec 16 Botsford Winter Concert
Dec 18 Grandview Winter Concert
Dec 22- Jan 2 Winter Break No School Staff or Students
Jan 5 Classes Resume
Jan 19 MLK Day - No School
Jan 21- 23 High School Finals Exams ½ day High School students only
Feb 11 Winter Count Day
Feb 13 Winter Break- No School
Feb 16 Presidents' Day No School
Mar 12 Spring Parent - Teacher Conferences 4 p.m.-8 p.m
Mar 17 GV Kindergarten Round Up 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Mar 18 Bots Kindergarten Round Up 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Mar 30 - April 3 Spring Break/ No School
May 8 Prom
May 11 Spring Choir Concert MS & HS
May 12 Spring Band Concert MS & HS
May 12 Summer Learning Kick-Off @ BF 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
May 14 Bots Spring Concert
May 20 Senior Honors Breakfast
May 21 Seniors' Last Day Clap out @ Elementaries
May 21 Gv Spring Concert
May 25 Memorial Day/ No School
May 29 Graduation
June 2 Kindergarten Graduation Bots & GV
June 2 Awards Night MS - 6:30 p.m.
June 3 Jr Kindergarten Graduation
June 3-5 High School Final Exams ½ day For High School Students only
June 4 5th Grade Graduation Botsford
June 5 5th Grade Graduation Grandview
June 5 Last Day / Half Day for Staff and Students

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President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Members D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Nay: None

14/25-26 Moved by Member C. Immonen supported by Member A.Watt that the Board approve the meeting's agenda, as presented.

Yea: D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Nay: None

Motion: Passed

Minutes of the regular meeting dated November 13, 2025 were approved as presented.

Recognition:

Mrs. Carruth and President Myers recognized Susie DeWolf, A'nyiah Daniels and Zacur Harrell for being appointed to the Student Leadership Services (SLS) student leadership board.

15/25-26 Moved by Member C. Immonen supported by Member A. Watt that the Board approve the consent agenda including Checks 17862-17955 \$499,177.78 & Electronic Payments of \$1,542,328.85

Yea:D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Nay: None

Motion: Passed

Communications and/or Petitions:

The Board received information about the OCSBA Our 5th Annual Joint Meeting December 17, 2025

Expressions from the Public: None

Old Business: None

Reports:

High School Student Representative Report:

Devyn Logan & JJ Greenwald reported on SLS and Red Ribbon Week Slogans. Devyn reported that the SLS club focuses on behavior and mental health.

Board of Education Reports

Trustee Morgan reported that he enjoyed the Pink Out game for Girl's Varsity volleyball. Trustee Morgan also reported that conferences at Botsford had an amazing turn out and the Harvest Festival was great.

Treasurer Marietti reported that they had an education meeting and that Dr. Constant possibly found a grant for Summer SLAM. Treasurer Marietti gave a shout out to MASB and how he had a great time at the ALC conference. Treasurer Marietti reported at an away volleyball game that our students showed up and that we had more students in attendance then the home team did in the student section.

Trustee Ellis reported she loves coming to school and watching the band and the volleyball team and reports that flag football is a wrap. Trustee Ellis reports she loves when a teacher invites her to their room.

President Myers reported that they had a wellness committee meeting. President Myers reports that he too attended the ALC conference.

Director of Learning Services

Dr. Constant reported about DECA and how 27 students have signed up at the present time and are practicing different scenarios. They will have a conference on January 8, 2026. Dr. Constant reported that DECA can be done in college too. Dr. Constant provided an update on High School Robotics.

Special Services

No Report

Business/Support Services

Mr. Bergeron took a few minutes to say Thank you to the Board of Education and the Community for the support on the upcoming election.

Superintendent

Mrs. Carruth reported about personnel and the reasons why staff have left our district and encouraged the Board to contact her if anyone had any questions about anything on the personnel memo, please ask questions instead of drawing incorrect conclusions.

Tabled Items- None

New Business:

ALC debrief

Mrs. Carruth reported about how excited the Board of Education was at the ALC Conference in Traverse City and how President Myers had a vision that the Board of Education do something like a fish bowl and talk about how the Clarenceville Board uses the resources in MASB. President Myers discussed the ACL conference and provided the Board of Education with opportunities to ask questions. Discussion followed.

Bond Next Steps

Mrs. Carruth reported on the next steps for the Bond and she thanked the Board of Education and the Community for the Bond passing. Mrs. Carruth provided an opportunity for the Board of Education to ask questions. Discussion followed

Others: Mrs. Carruth and Mr. Bergeron reminded the Board of Education of the study session scheduled for Nov 20, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Additional Expressions from the Public: None

Adjournment:

Motion:

16/25-26 Moved by Member A. Watt , supported by J. Ellis that the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Yea: D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Nay: None

Motion: Passed

Andrea Watt, Board of Education Secretary

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Study Session – Minutes

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President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Members D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Schools of Choice

Mrs. Carruth reported to the Board of Education why she had to be virtual and she thanked the Board of Education for their flexibility. Mrs. Carruth asked President Myers if there's any guidance from Robert's Rules of Order or the Open Meetings Act. Mrs. Carruth reported that during this Study session they want to give them as much information as possible. Mrs. Carruth reported that we offer Schools of Choice twice a year and she explained the difference between 105 and 105c. Mrs. Carruth reported that once we accept a student they are ours. Mrs. Carruth reported what criteria the students need to participate in Schools of Choice. Mrs. Carruth shared slides with the Board of Education and provided the Board of Education with opportunities to ask questions. Discussion followed.

Communications and/or Petitions: None

Expressions from the Public: None

Old Business: None

Tabled Items- None

Additional Expressions from the Public: None

Adjournment:

Motion:

17/25-26 Moved by Member A. Watt , supported by P. Marietti that the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:21p.m.

Yea: D. Myers, C. Immonen, A.Watt, P. Marietti, D. Morgan, J. Ellis, K. Hartman

Absent: None

Nay: None

Motion: Passed



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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Melissa Carruth

RE: Personnel Items

Date: December 11, 2025

The following personnel items should be included in the Board of Education agenda for Thursday, December 11, 2025.

New Hires:

Sandra Purcell - 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher - Effective December 12, 2025

Leaves: None

Retirement:

Michael French Library Teacher - Botsford & Grandview - Effective January 23, 2026

Resignations/Terminations:

Michael DeCenso - Special Education Teacher - High School - Effective November 18, 2025

Jacqueline Gillespie - Middle School Teacher - Effective December 5, 2025

Transfer/Change in Assignment:

Tori Agne - Middle School Stem Teacher to Middle School Robotics & Coding Teacher - Effective November 29, 2025

Amisha Ingram - Middle School Art teacher to High School Art Teacher - Effective December 1, 2025

Tenure: None

Increase in Assignment: None



Melissa Carruth <melissa.carruth@clarencevilleschools.org>

Retirement Letter

6 messages

Michael French <michael.french@clarencevilleschools.org>

Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 11:52 AM

To: Melissa Carruth <melissa.carruth@clarencevilleschools.org>, Dave Bergeron <dave.bergeron@clarencevilleschools.org>

Michael R. French
14436 Garden St.
Livonia, MI. 48154
734-716-5430
lread2u@hotmail.com

Nov. 30, 2025

Melissa Carruth
Superintendent of Clarenceville Schools

Dear Mrs. Carruth,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my intent to retire from my current position as the school library media specialist for Botsford and Grandview Elementary Schools. I intend to finish the first semester with my final day of employment being Friday, January 23, 2026.

I have valued the professional relationships I've formed over the past 25 years with the Clarenceville School District and its staff. I am grateful for the opportunities I've had to grow personally and professionally as a part of this special learning community. It has been a joy and privilege to read to so many students over the years and to encourage them to read and develop a love for books.

I'm committed to ensuring a smooth transition of my responsibilities and am willing to assist in the process in any way I can. Please let me know how I can best support the school administration during this period.

I wish you, the staff and students of Clarenceville Schools the very best for future success.

Sincerely,
Michael R French

Dave Bergeron <dave.bergeron@clarencevilleschools.org>

Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 11:57 AM

To: Michael French <michael.french@clarencevilleschools.org>

Cc: Melissa Carruth <melissa.carruth@clarencevilleschools.org>

Congratulations Michael!

I am excited for you as you enter this next phase of life. I appreciate all that you have done for the kids of Clarenceville over the years.

You will be missed.

Take Care,

Dave B

Jacqueline Gillespie
1800 Lone Tree Rd
Milford, MI 48380
(810) 423-6208
quinnjackie@hotmail.com

November 21, 2025

Dear Dr. Rudolph,

Please accept this letter as a formal two week notification that I am resigning from my position as the 8th grade Resource Room Teacher at Clarenceville Middle School. My last day of employment will be on Friday, December 5, 2025.

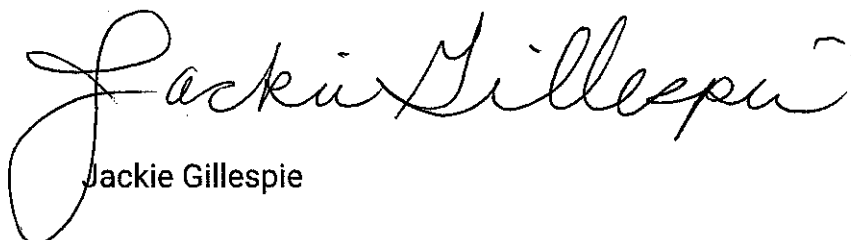
This was not an easy decision, but I am leaving to accept a teaching position at a school closer to home, where our son attends.

Clarenceville has been such a big part of my life since I was first hired in the year 2000, and I'm truly grateful for all the opportunities, support and kindness that I've experienced here. I have grown so much as a person and educator because of the people I've worked with and the students I've had the privilege to teach. It has been an honor to be part of this community.

I'm committed to helping make the transition as smooth as possible and am happy to support in any way I can over the next two weeks.

Thank you for everything. Clarenceville will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish you and CMS continued success.

Sincerely,



Jackie Gillespie

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my interest in transferring from Middle School STEM to the opening of Coding and Robotics Teacher at Clarenceville Middle School for the upcoming trimester.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Ms. Victoria Agne



Lawrence Rudolph <lawrence.rudolph@clarenceschools.org>
To: Tammy Smith <tammy.smith@clarenceschools.org>

Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 1:07 PM

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Amisha Ingram** <amisha.ingram@clarenceschools.org>
Date: Fri, Oct 3, 2025 at 5:36 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting
To: Lawrence Rudolph <lawrence.rudolph@clarenceschools.org>

I informed Blevins and Noonan today that I would like to proceed with the transition to the Highschool.

I would like to discuss with you my plan for transition. It is my goal to transition in a way that works for all parties involved.

Teaching high school has been a professional goal of mine for the past 5 years and I dont want to miss out on the opportunity to teach it within the Clarenceville district.

I loved my time at the Middle school, but I believe that this transition will allow me to expand my professional career.

Amisha
MS
Clarenceville School District

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Ingram
Teacher

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DATE: November 24, 2025

TO: Melissa Carruth, Superintendent
Clarenceville Board of Education

FROM: Joseph Alessandrini

RE: Donation for Athletics

I am pleased to inform you that Nancy Gad-Harf generously donated a check for \$200.00 to support our athletics.

We are truly grateful for the generosity and commitment to supporting the Clarenceville School District and, specifically, the students of Clarenceville Middle School.

On behalf of the students and staff at Clarenceville Middle School, I extend our heartfelt Thanks to Nancy Gad-Harf. We truly appreciate her commitment and belief in what our teams can achieve.

**2025-2026
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DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:00 to 8:30 PM at Oakland Schools

2111 Pontiac Lake Rd. Waterford Township

PEARLS OF WISDOM 2.0

Presented by

OCSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This will be a small group, tabletop discussion format led by members of the Board of Directors of OCSBA who will move between tables for a set amount of time while addressing questions around the topics that were originally presented as the Pearls of Wisdom in December of 2024. This format will allow Trustees (new and seasoned alike) to delve deeper into subjects such as the Trustee's Role, Communication, and the Trustee's Toolbox for Effective Leadership.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$45 Per Person | School Spirit Wear Encouraged

Participants can earn SCECH and/or MASB education credit

Effective 1/1/2026 MASB will no longer accept OCSBA's meeting attendance report on behalf of our members. Each Trustee or your Board's Executive Assistant must submit a MASB tally sheet to earn education credits.

Indicate GF/DF or Vegetarian As Needed During Registration

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

4:00 PM on January 14, 2026

We cannot accommodate registration requests after the deadline or unregistered guests at the door

FOR REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE CONTACT

Vanessa Driscoll, Event Management
Vanessa.Driscoll@oakland.k12.mi.us

**OCSBA
Cancellation
& Refund Policy**

OCSBA policy
supersedes
Oakland Schools
cancellation
& refund policies.

All cancellation
requests must be
in writing.

There is no
cancellation
fee for a
cancellation
request
received up to
fifteen (15) days
before
an event.

There are no refunds
two (2) weeks
prior to an event,
however, an attendee
substitution for the
same event
can be made.



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To: Board of Education

From: Melissa Carruth, Superintendent

Date: December 1, 2025

Re: Oakland Schools Annual Resolutions

I have included the two resolutions that the OS Board of Education is asking their local board of education to review and vote on whether to support or disapprove the two proposed proposals. Rationale from the ISD, as well as necessary documentation, are included in this packet packet to help inform each of you. Once approved or disapproved, the resolution will be forwarded to Oakland Schools, as requested.

The resolutions are as follows:

Proposal #1: OCSBA supports non-partisan school board elections.

Motion: Moved by Member _____, supported by Member _____ that the Board adopt the resolution to support non-partisan school board elections.

Yea:

Nays:

Motion: passed/rejected

Motion: Moved by Member _____, supported by Member _____ that the Board disapprove the resolution to support non-partisan school board elections.

Yea:

Nays:

Motion: passed/rejected

Proposal #2: OCSBA supports full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

Motion: Moved by Member _____, supported by Member _____ that the Board adopt the resolution to support full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

Yea:

Nays:

Motion: passed/rejected

Motion: Moved by Member _____, supported by Member _____ that the Board disapprove the resolution to support full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

Yea:

Nays:

Motion: passed/rejected



OCSBA Bylaws Article IX, Section 5, Resolution Adoption:
Resolutions that are approved by at least nineteen (19) member school districts shall be the official position of the association as interpreted and pursued by its board of directors.

TWO (2) PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTIONS

Proposed new resolution #1:

OCSBA supports non-partisan school board elections.

Rationale for proposed new resolution #1:

This proposed resolution is in response to HB 4588 that is now moving through the state House.

Link to the bill: <https://legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2025-HB-4588>

Partisan school board elections will:

- Decrease the number of willing candidates, and
- Increase campaign costs (school board members would have to be successful in two elections – a primary election as well as the November election), and
- Align local education decisions with party interests rather than student needs, and
- Exclude thousands of current or potential board members, including federal employees, who are legally prohibited from running in partisan races.

Bill history to date:

History

(House actions in lowercase, Senate actions in UPPERCASE)

Note: A page number of 0 indicates that the page number is coming soon

Date	Journal	Action
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	introduced by Representative Rep. Jason Woolford
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	read a first time
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	referred to Committee on Election Integrity
6/11/2025	HJ 56 Pg. 690	bill electronically reproduced 06/10/2025
10/28/2025	HJ 103 Pg. 0	reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1)
10/28/2025	HJ 103 Pg. 0	referred to second reading

Proposed new resolution #2:

OCSBA supports full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

Rationale for proposed new resolution #2:

This resolution is proposed because we need to shine a light on the importance of early intervention programs such as *Early On Michigan*, and the need for additional state funding to adequately serve the families of children already identified as eligible, and to serve all children who *should be* identified as eligible.

The Michigan Mandatory Special Education law (or MMSE) requires special education services be provided for eligible children and students from birth through age 25. Federal law also mandates early intervention programs.

- Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) refers to special education services for students ages 3 through 21.
- Part C of IDEA refers to early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers from birth through age 2.
 - In Michigan, Part C is called *Early On*.
- Special education supports and services for students age 22 through 25 is part of MMSE.

OCSBA has always supported early childhood education. The earlier the intervention begins, the greater the impact.

Early On is Michigan's statewide, comprehensive, coordinated interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to age three years with disabilities and their families. *Early On* is coordinated by the Michigan Department of Education and provides services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Local communities receive funding through their local Intermediate School District (ISD) to implement *Early On*. Each local ISD jurisdiction has an interagency coordinating council (comprised of individuals from human service agencies, parents, educators, and other agency personnel who serve families) that guides implementation locally. Implementation is also guided through local memoranda of understanding between education, mental health, public health, and social services.

For 50 years we have advocated for IDEA funding for students. The congressional promise to fund 40% of the cost of providing special education services applies to Part B (children age 3 to 21) -and- to Part C (early intervention services infants and toddlers through age 2). While we continue to advocate for federal funding, state funding for woefully lacking for *Early On*:

- The estimated annual cost is \$230M to provide high-quality early intervention services.
- The state should appropriate *at least* \$138M (60% of the estimated annual cost).
- Section 54d of the FY26 School Aid Act provides state funding of \$48M.

For additional information on Early On Michigan visit:

https://earlyonfoundation.org/Files/Resources/EO_Case_for_Funding_FY26_w_taskforce.docx.pdf

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY OUR MEMBERS THE ADOPTION AND/OR AMENDMENT DATE(S) ARE NOTED FOR EACH RESOLUTION

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports holding every school that receives public funding to the same accountability and transparency standards, including FOIA requests and the Open Meetings Act. This includes local districts, ISDs, Public School Academies (aka Charter Schools), their authorizers and management companies, as well as all colleges and universities. [MASB Resolution A 6.65 (c), (d), (f)]

BROADBAND ACCESS AND DEVICES [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

- Broadband should be included in any federal or state infrastructure plan.
- OCSBA supports additional federal and state funding opportunities to expand affordable and reliable broadband access.
- OCSBA supports federal and state programs for the purchase of internet capable devices and software.
- OCSBA supports dedicated resources for cybersecurity.

[MASB Resolution A-10.30 – 2021 amendment]

EARLY CHILDHOOD [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- OCSBA supports additional new dollars to fund universal, public preschool for all four year old children.
- OCSBA supports mandatory kindergarten for all five-year-old children.

[MASB Resolution A 6.15 (c)]

EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports evidence-based education policy that will maximize opportunities for the highest achievement of each student. [MASB Resolution G 11.01]

LAME DUCK [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports lame duck parameters that will address introduction and accelerated passage of legislation after the November election.

LOCAL CONTROL [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

Support local control of community-governed public schools with elected school boards.

- Help staff identify potential mental health issues for students.
- Encourage MDE to develop a model policy for staff regarding identifying mental health issues and appropriate staff response.

[MASB Resolution A 10.10; A 10.55; A 12.70]

MENTAL HEALTH [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports increased mental health services and professionals in schools and providing, at a minimum, annual inflation adjusted state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

- Help staff identify potential mental health issues for students.
- Encourage MDE to develop a model policy for staff regarding identifying mental health issues and appropriate staff response.

[MASB Resolutions G 9.01; G 9.05; G 9.50]

SCHOOL AID [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- A. Specify that the School Aid Fund is only for Pre-K to 12th grade public education in Michigan's Constitution and oppose any attempts to create private school vouchers or tax credit programs. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (a) and A 10.05]
- B. Support additional funding for Special Education, At-Risk and ELL students. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (g) and (j); A 10.55]
- C. Protect the School Aid Fund and local revenues from state tax policy changes. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (c); A 10.55]
- D. OCSBA supports enacting the annual School Aid Budget no later than June 1, so that school districts have factual information to meet their constitutional/statutory requirement to approve a budget by June 30.

[MASB Resolution A 10.25 (h)]

SCHOOL FINANCE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (SFRC)

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 9/11/2021; 3/3/2023; 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports implementation of the recommendations of the SFRC. While implementing the SFRC recommendations, higher funded districts must be held harmless.

[MASB resolution G 11.01 and A-10.25 – 2021 amendment]

SCHOOL NUTRITION [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports codification of free universal meals.

SCHOOL SAFETY [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023]

OCSBA supports that there be adequate state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

SPECIAL EDUCATION [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports full funding of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Although federal legislation initially promised to provide 40 percent of the excess cost to educate students with disabilities, the appropriations have fallen short, leaving states and local school districts to make up the difference. [MASB Resolution A 5.01; NSBA Advocacy: IDEA]

TEACHER SHORTAGES [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports statewide initiatives to address teacher shortages and retain teachers, while maintaining quality teacher preparation programs. Initiatives might include, but should not be limited to, incentives to enter and complete a teaching college program, incentives for teachers to remain in the classroom, and easing the process to obtain Michigan certification for teachers that are certified in other states. [MASB 2021-2022 Legislative Priority]

UNFUNDED MANDATES [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA Opposes any state or federal legislation that results in increased costs for school districts without full funding. OCSBA also encourages the Michigan Legislature to oppose any federal laws or programs that are not fully funded thus costing the state valuable resources.

[MASB Resolution A 10.20]

WHEN ALIGNED WITH OCSBA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, OCSBA ALSO SUPPORTS

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Legislative Agenda
- The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Legislative Agenda
- The Oakland County Superintendents Association (OCSA) Legislative Agenda
- The Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) Legislative Agenda

LINKS: MASB Resolutions: <https://www.masb.org/resolutions.aspx>
NSBA Advocacy: <https://www.nsba.org/Advocacy>
COSSBA Advocacy: <https://www.cossba.org/advocacy>

Member District Ballot

2026 Resolutions



Introduction. Annually, the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Government Relations Committee (GRC) establishes Legislative Priorities for the current legislative session. The Resolutions and Bylaws Committee then reviews the adopted legislative priorities and drafts new resolutions &/or amendments to previously adopted resolutions based on those legislative priorities. When there is alignment with MASB and/or NSBA resolutions, the MASB/NSBA resolution information is referenced.

Once reviewed by the Board of Directors, the proposed resolutions are presented to our member districts for consideration. Member School Districts only vote on proposed new or amended resolutions; continuing resolutions are not subject to re-vote. Resolutions that are approved by at least nineteen (19) Member School Districts shall be the official position of the Association as interpreted and pursued by its Board of Directors. Each Member District receives one (1) vote on the proposed Resolutions.

Voting Period. The proposed resolutions, legislative priorities and a ballot were transmitted to every Member and all Member School District Executive Assistants on November 18, 2025. The voting period shall remain open for at least forty (40) calendar days. **Completed ballots must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026.**

Important! This ballot must be completed, signed and returned to OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org prior to the deadline or your District's vote cannot be counted! OCSBA bylaws Article III, Section 2: Member School District votes shall be recorded upon receipt of the completed resolution or ballot indicating the vote of the Member School District's Trustees. Member School District votes must be received prior to the deadline indicated on the ballot or resolution.

DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PROPOSED NEW &/OR AMENDED RESOLUTIONS AS PRESENTED?

The vote of the _____ School District
Insert District Name

Board of Education on _____, 20____
Insert Meeting Date

check one

☐ **YES.** The Board approves all proposed new resolutions as presented.

☐ **NO.** The Board does not approve all proposed new resolutions as presented.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the vote by the Board of Education.

Signed by (check one) Board Secretary -or- ☐ Executive Assistant to the Board of Education & Superintendent

Printed Name

Signature

**Email your completed & signed ballot to OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org
no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026**

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