MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 10/28/2026

1. **Sponsoring legislator's full name:**
   Senator John Cherry

2. **Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**
   N/A

3. **Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**
   Genesee Intermediate School District

4. **Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:**
   2413 W Maple Ave, Flint, MI 48507 (Genesee ISD); 1098 N. Belsay Rd, Burton, MI, 48509 (Bentley); 1518 University Ave, Flint, MI, 48503 (Flint Center); 1101 W Vernon Dr, (Pierce Elementary School)

5. **The recipient's employer identification number:**
   38-1714600

6. **Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**
   $10,000,000.00

7. **What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?**
   Genesee Intermediate School District would serve as the fiduciary for this project. This legislatively directed spending item aims to expand high-quality, hands-on STEM and enrichment learning opportunities for students in Bentley and Flint by redeveloping vacant facilities into innovative, flexible learning spaces near neighborhood schools. The investments of $7 million for the vacant Pierce Elementary School, $2 million for Bentley Schools, $1 million for the Flint Center for Educational Excellence will create tens of thousands of square feet of new learning space in Bentley and Flint, supporting extended-day STEM instruction (FCEE & Bentley), early childhood development (Pierce), enhanced hands-on learning during

the school day, and robust afterschool and summer programming. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because it maximizes use of vacant, existing properties rather than building new ones, improves educational outcomes and workforce readiness in high-need communities, and increases access to safe, supervised, academically focused out-of-school time options that benefit students, families, and the broader public.

8. **Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**
   State

   Amount
   $3,500,000.00

9. **Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**
   18 months

10. **Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**
    No

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

1. **Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**
   No

2. **Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**
   No

3. **Does the organization have a board of directors?**
   No

4. **List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**
   N/A

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."
Senator John Cherry