



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Dayna Polehanki

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Livonia Public Schools

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

Address: 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154; Project Location: Franklin High School 31000 Joy Road Livonia, MI 48150

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6004173

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,000,000.00

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?

The purpose of this request is to fund the construction of a multi-use synthetic turf practice field at Franklin High School, expanding equitable access to safe, high-quality athletic and wellness facilities for students in one of Livonia Public Schools' highest-need populations where 1 in 3 students are economically disadvantaged. High-quality athletic facilities are not simply physical spaces—they are gateways to opportunity. This investment aligns directly with the State's priorities outlined in Public Act 32 and 33 of 2025, particularly the goal of reducing class sizes and ensuring students and educators have the resources they need for a quality education. Research consistently demonstrates that access to school-based athletic opportunities is strongly associated with improved student outcomes. Students who

participate in athletics show higher levels of school engagement and GPA, increased connection to their school community, and greater likelihood of persisting to graduation. Additionally, longitudinal studies show that youth sports participation leads to improved physical health, reduced anxiety and depression, and stronger long-term well-being. Importantly, access to these benefits is dependent on the availability of safe, high-quality facilities. Without equitable access to appropriate athletic spaces, students—particularly those in economically disadvantaged communities—are significantly less likely to participate and realize these outcomes.

- 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:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

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

12-18 months from award

- 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 Dayna Polehanki