

Making an Impact

**Understanding the Legislative Process
and How to Engage with Stakeholders**

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Webinar Format

» Questions

» Evaluation

This session is being recorded. The recording, PowerPoint and resources will be available on our website – www.TheCenterForCharters.org.



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Overview

- » Locating legislative information
- » Following committees and legislative session
- » Reviewing school aid budget information
- » Following education in state government
- » Engaging with stakeholders



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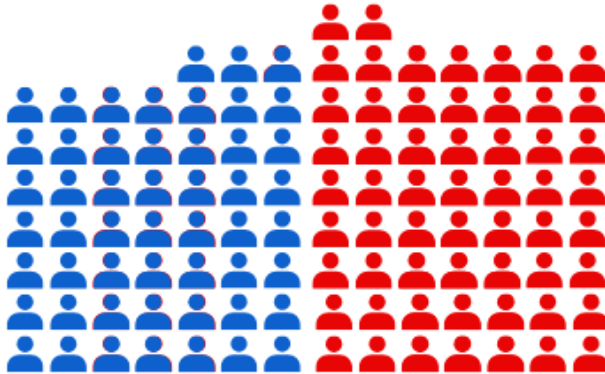
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Michigan Legislature

Michigan House of Representatives

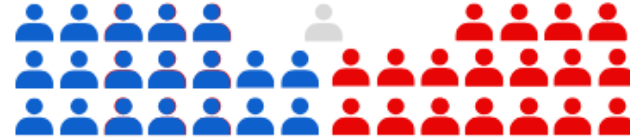
Seats: 110



Minority ■ Democrat (52) Majority ■ Republican (58)

Michigan Senate

Seats: 38



Majority ■ Democrat (19) Minority ■ Republican (18)

Vacant ■ (1)



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Education Meetings

State Board of Education	Second Tuesday of Month 9:30 a.m.
House Education Committee	Wednesday 10 – 11:30 a.m.
House Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid and Education	Tuesday 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Senate Education Committee	Tuesday 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on PreK-12	Day/Time TBD



Legislative Information

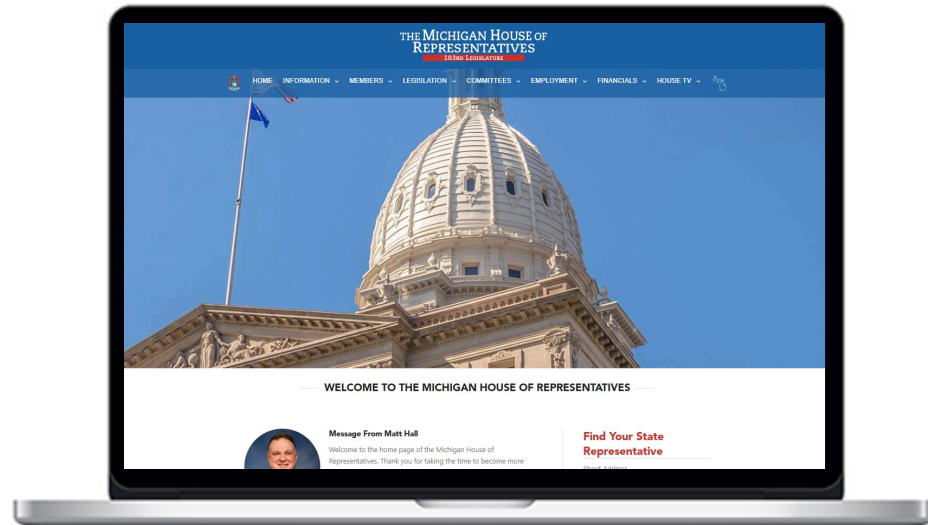
Michigan Legislature -
www.legislature.mi.gov



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Committees and Legislative Session

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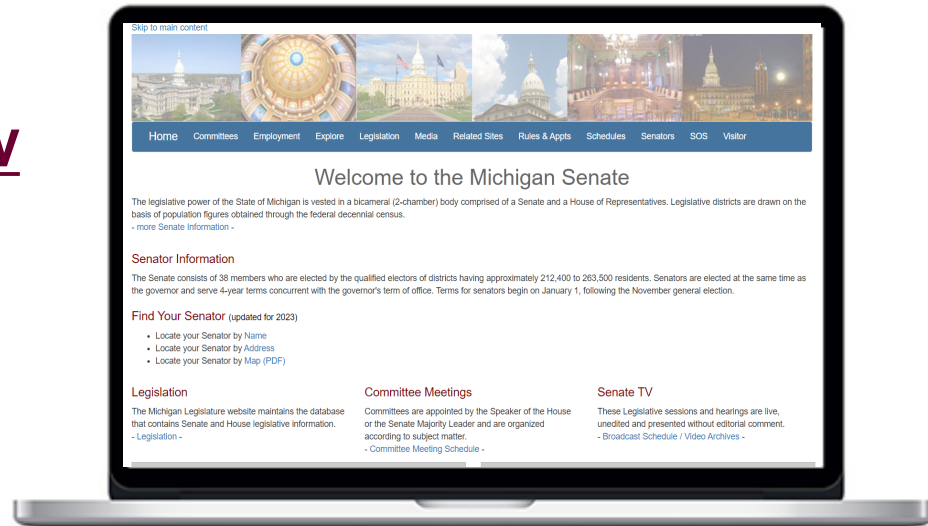
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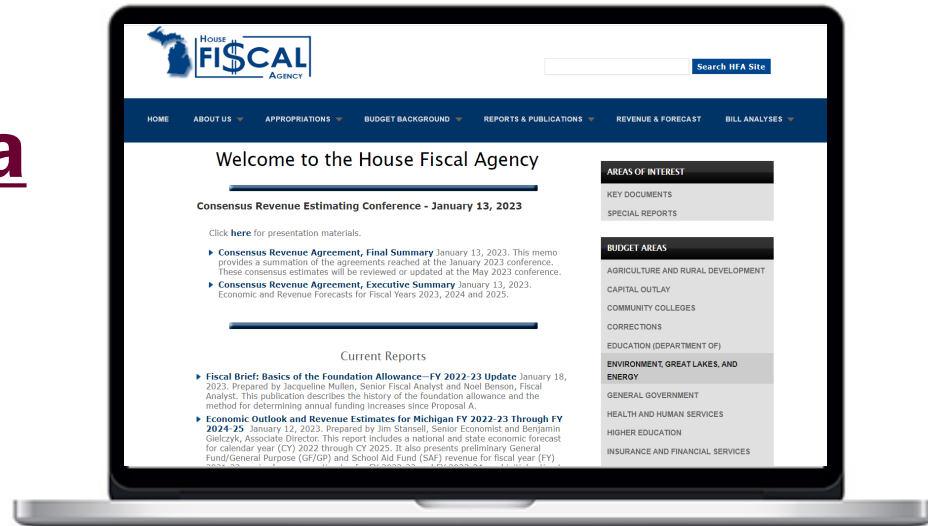
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School Aid Information

House Fiscal Agency -
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Education in State Government

Michigan Department of
Education – State Board
of Education

www.michigan.gov/mde/



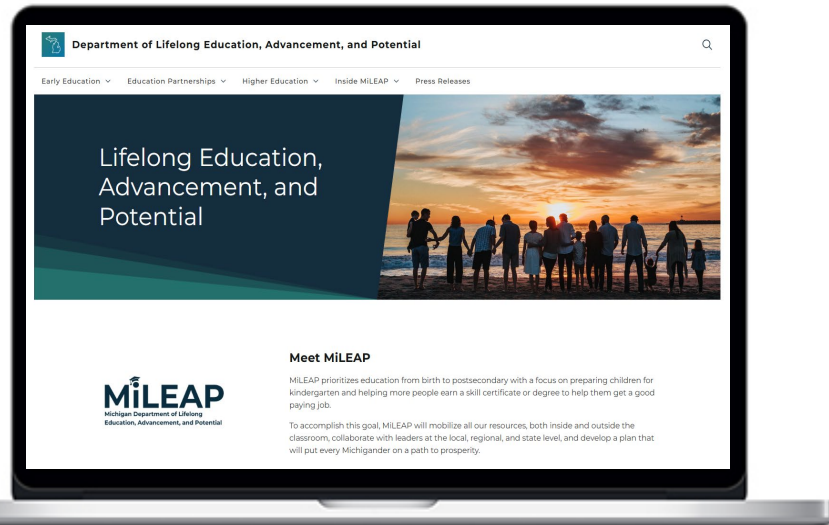
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Education in State Government

Michigan Department of
Lifelong Education,
Advancement, and
Potential

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Engagement – Identifying Legislators

- » School List – www.TheCenterForCharters.org/Legislators
- » State Representatives – www.house.mi.gov
- » State Senators – www.senate.michigan.gov



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Engagement – Opportunities

- » Introduction/Congratulations Letter
- » Invite to tour school or attend events
- » Invite to participate in March is Reading Month
- » Visit Lansing



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Engagement – Social Media

» Identify and follow your legislators

» Interact with legislators

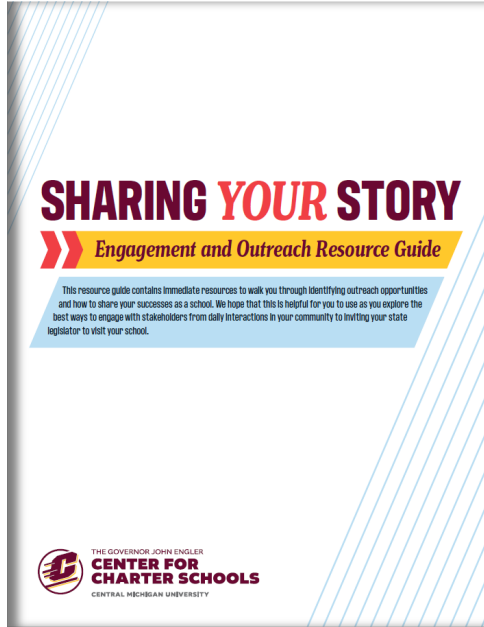


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Engagement - Resources



Resource Guide

- » Identifying Stakeholders
- » Engagement Opportunities
- » Speaking with Legislators
- » Talking Points
- » Templates



Legislative Updates and Resources

MI Charter Mastermind Network – micharter.mn.co

- » Legislative, Legal and Breaking News
 - Receive legislative updates in real time.
- » Communications, PR and Marketing Tips
 - Find resources for social media and communications.



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Questions?



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