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Representatives,

Today, I am returning Enrolled House Bill 5686 to you without my approval.

As a service to school districts, the Michigan Department of Education has created the Pupil Accounting Manual to offer guidance on how to comply with state law. Our schools must respond in real time to changing circumstances—and our state guidance and technical assistance must keep pace with those changes. As such, it is essential to allow continued flexibility for state-level administrators to advise local administrators. House Bill 5686 works at cross-purposes to that goal by needlessly extending and complicating the process of publishing changes to the Pupil Accounting Manual.

While we disagree on this bill, I look forward to continuing to work together to make historic investments in public education for Michigan.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor