

Legislative Update

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This week in Lansing:

- The Senate with a 36-2 vote passed [SB 1108](#), amending the Open Meetings Act to, allow for virtual board meetings. The discussion has been around an appropriate sunset to this allowance with some feeling it should be specific to the pandemic. The House is expected to return to Lansing on Tuesday to act on this bill. The Governor is saying this is a priority for her office now that it is no longer addressed through Executive Order.
- Other bills introduced include [SB 1162](#) and [SB 1163](#), sponsored by Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), which address social work and police partnerships around community mental health issues. [SB 1172](#), [SB 1173](#), [SB 1174](#) and [SB 1175](#) are bipartisan tie barred bills, being referred to as the Dyslexia bill package. These bills address both methodology on supporting students with reading difficulties as well as educator preparation to serve these students. The other two bipartisan bills introduced address educator evaluation. [SB 1176](#) and [SB 1177](#) would eliminate the student growth component of education evaluations moving forward.
- Several school associations met with the Governor's office late last week in an attempt to prioritize items no longer covered by Executive Orders. Some of these issues include Superintendent evaluations (lack of student growth measures), virtual board meetings, safety drills, special education hour/day waivers, definition of face coverings, etc.



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Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education

General Membership Meeting

October 13, 2020



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Approvals

- Approval of Feb 12, 2020 Minutes
- Approval of Oct 13, 2020 Agenda
 - Board Introductions
 - Board Updates
 - Kudos from the Board
 - Get Involved
 - Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award
 - MAASE Mini Grants
 - MCEC News
 - CASE Membership Reminder
 - Membership Recognition
 - Adjourn



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Board Introductions

- Renee Thelen, President
- Nichole Moore, Immediate Past President
- Derek Cooley, Vice President Elect
- Trish Lopucki, LEA/PSA Rep
- Katie Flynn, ISD/ESA Rep
- Deb Zelinski, Region 1a Rep
- Ben Hicks, Region 1b Rep
- Sarah Winslow, Region 2 Rep
- Tami Mannes, Region 3 Rep
- Karen Howey, Region 4 Rep



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MAASE Staff

Who do I contact?

- Abby Cypher, Executive Director
 - Association Partnerships, Outreach and Legislative Issues
 - Financial Health of the Organization (Vendors, revenue sources)
- Sue Leach, Executive Associate
 - Responsibilities have remained the same from previous years
 - Membership Dues and PL Registration
 - Website



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Membership Spotlight

- Work of Tina Lawson and SLIP on developing virtual reality lessons (update coming soon on financial support for this project)
- Rachel Fuerer's new role with MAISA/SEILN- We are excited to partner!
- New Committee/CoP Chairs



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Board Updates

- CEC Equity Pledge
 - project 20/20 - 3 year outcomes based project
 - Reaffirmed commitment to social justice & equity
 - Striving to create deliverables that each group can apply to help their group reach the goals
 - Uphold the vision of diversity, equity, and inclusion and to support all of our members, volunteers, staff, & the students and families with exceptionalities we serve, especially those differentially impacted by systemic racism
 - Joining CASE & state units from Illinois & Wisconsin



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Board Updates

- **New** Leveled Sponsorships similar to CASE
- Will be updating the Strategic Plan later this school year- Look for a membership survey coming soon.



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Opportunities to Get Involved

- **Communities of Practice**
 - New Administrators
 - Early Childhood Program Administrators
 - SEI/Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators
 - ISD Collaborative
 - Secondary Transition Administrators
 - Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs (SLIP)
 - Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program Administrators
 - Urban Special Education Administrators



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Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award

- Nominations Due November 2nd
- The Batten Award honors administrators who emulate the qualities of honesty, integrity, trust, and compassion. It is presented at the December General Membership Meeting.
- The [application](#) is on the website under the AWARDS tab.



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MAASE Mini Grants

- MAASE is offering ten mini grants for \$500 each.
- Applications are due **Friday, October 30th**
- Instructions and application can be found on the website under LATEST NEWS



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2019 Mini Grant Winners

- Bound Books for All - Jackson Public
- Creations with Cricut - Allegan Public
- Drum it Out - Branch ISD
- Increasing Student Confidence/Independence through Business Attire - Marquette Alger ISD
- Lego Play Therapy - Lewis Cass ISD
- Mightier - Shiawassee RESD
- Minds in Motion Mind Maze - Zeeland Public
- Sensory Lending Library - Farmington Public
- Supporting Superior Job Coaching - Utica Community Schools
- Switches for Success - COOR ISD



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CASE Membership Reminder

Don't forget to become a CEC/CASE member!



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Welcome



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Membership Recognition

- Please enter into the chat:
 - Retirements
 - Graduate Students
 - New Job Positions/Other Celebrations



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