

Hello, this is <your name> from <your town>.

I'm calling in regards to the 2025 State Budget.

As a resident of Michigan I am most concerned that we are fixing our roads at the expense of healthcare, our environment, the education of our children and our safety. Specifically I am calling about the proposed cuts to **the Department of Education budget**

A reduction like this would mean:

1. Specific dollar amounts for certain programs would be eliminated.
2. In small or rural school districts these programs would shut down without specific funding.
3. Programs like special education, universal free meals, transportation, school safety and mental health would need to be eliminated. Given everyone's concerns around education, school safety and mental health, it makes no sense to eliminate these programs.

Schools are the backbone of the community. Good schools assure that our home will sell for more money. Good schools mean better educated and more productive members of our society.

In short these cuts would hurt our schools, our children and the value of our homes. I am calling to ask you to restore funding to Education as you negotiate this bill.