



**Member Matters/Views From the Capitol Special Edition
Chat Log
Nov. 18, 2020**

12:03:10 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : Hi Everyone, please keep yourselves muted when you are not speaking.

12:06:55 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : DHHS Epidemic Order:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS_epidemic_order_-_Gatherings_masks_bars_sports_-_FINAL_704287_7.pdf

12:10:52 From Justin Barnaby : “not used for instructional purposes” - would that include requiring teachers to report to their physical classrooms to provide remote instruction to their students?

12:11:10 From Jackie Kelly : May teachers be in the building to teach remotely

12:11:54 From Kenneth Poirier : HS building is used for 6-12 instruction. Does that mean that 6-8 should be out as well?

12:16:03 From Janet Nash : he said cancelled through Dec 13. have in person restrictions been extended beyond Dec 8 ?

12:16:33 From Jennifer Smith : Janet: No, that was if they get extended

12:19:24 From Ken Haggart : So K-8 staff just keep reporting live every day and high school teachers stay home...nice.

12:19:29 From Rodger Tripplett : Can you go over the election certification for newly elected school board members and what has to happen?

12:19:41 From Patrick O'Connor : There seems to be confusion on how districts are handling special ed instruction. Any thoughts?

12:22:57 From Kenneth Stahl : how can we expect our elementary teachers to work in person if we are not having meetings in person. what is the rate of infection at board meetings?

12:23:06 From Rodger Tripplett : Who do we receive the Notice of Certification from?

12:24:35 From Vital Anne : Does the notification come electronically or mail?

12:25:08 From Anne Foor : Can you do the acceptance of office without notarization now and oath of office in January with a notary?

12:26:07 From Ken Haggart : If special education students are in school, don't teachers need to be there to provide services?

12:27:43 From Christine Baker : If a district has decided to temporarily go remote for all grades, are those staff allowed to teach from classrooms?

12:27:49 From Hal Newnan : Each board must decide which style of education their district should meet in (barring the current epidemic order), what are the metrics for indicating that the pandemic is out of control in our communities? Is it a 5+ % positivity rate in our area?

12:28:42 From Ken Haggart : Jennifer, but what if the Algebra teacher does have special education students in their classroom?

12:31:07 From Laura Hagan : Are Board Committee meetings (less than 10 people) permitted in person? Or must they also be virtual until after 12/8?

12:32:47 From Denise Forrest : I have heard that in Oakland County, at least, contract tracing is now the responsibility of the school district, because of the recent spike in cases. Is that true across the state?

12:33:58 From Casey Petz : School districts in northern Michigan (Leelanau County) have been tasked with contact tracing as well.

12:34:41 From Barbara Anness : Couldn't this be fixed with regs that allow a virtual session?

12:34:48 From Mandy Stewart : In Eaton County, Our district is responsible for contact tracing. Our BEDHD does not have current capacity to trace

12:35:19 From Barbara Anness : What does the MASB want to see done, if anything, in Lame Duck?

12:35:53 From James Rautiola : Are districts able to hold in person staff meetings or PTO meetings after the school day is over?

12:38:05 From Brad Banasik : Staff meetings may be held in compliance with MIOSHA rules. PTO meetings are prohibited.

12:38:49 From Krystle DuPree : so just to make sure I understand

12:39:34 From Catherine LaValley : Does Senate bills 1176, 1177 eliminate student growth for supt. evaluation?

12:39:45 From Krystle DuPree : Student growth is something that is on a teacher eval? So for this year teachers shouldn't be evaluated according to student performance?

12:39:56 From Krystle DuPree : I think I am confused sorry

12:40:14 From Jeff Cobb : yes. sb 1176 and 1177 remove student growth from both teacher and superintendent evaluations

12:41:15 From Jeff Cobb : until these bills pass, districts must use the most recent data available to them for the evaluations.

12:41:29 From Ashanti Bland : What if any are the drawbacks to the Substitute bill

12:41:56 From Krystle DuPree : so basically we're virtual and virtual is hard for many kids teachers should nto be evaluated on student performance

12:43:49 From Jennifer Smith : Krystle - also to acknowledge that testing wasn't done last year , so growth is hard to measure this year

12:44:23 From Krystle DuPree : Got it thank you @Jennifer Smith

12:45:51 From Don Wotruba : Under the Senate Bills is all student growth removed or just that related to state testing data?

12:46:07 From Barbara Anness : Who was the sponsor?

12:46:20 From Jeff Cobb : Barbara, of which bill?

12:46:49 From Catherine LaValley : I talked to Senator Bizon and he is in favor of a 6 month extension or possible to Dec. 31, 2021

12:46:56 From Barbara Anness : SB 1108-the Open Mtgs. Act

12:47:55 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : Sen Theis is the sponsor of SB 1108

12:47:55 From Brenda Walls to Stacy Bogard(Direct Message) : Stacy, my apologies, but I got interrupted. Did they say it's currently okay to use a non-teaching staff member as a presence in the classroom while a quarantined teacher teaches virtually? Or is it not okay and they're waiting on the bill to be approved?

12:48:37 From Catherine LaValley : Should we contact the two senators who are not of favor of SB 1108.?

12:48:45 From Barbara Anness : Thank you, De'Shondria

12:49:24 From Jeff Cobb : The mandate to use Student growth as a component of evaluations is altogether eliminated under the proposed bills. It would allow individual districts to use student growth if they choose to do so. They would also be able to use whatever method they want to determine student growth.

12:49:33 From Marc Katz : Will you be send us talking points on OMA?

12:50:15 From Gregory Need : Can a Township declare a state of emergency? If so, and if a district is in multiple Townships/cities, do they all have the declare the state of emergency?

12:50:29 From Marsha Wainio : Senator McBroom and Rep LaFave are my legislators. I will contact them.

12:50:49 From Melissa Courtade : What is the bill number for the second priority that was mentioned?

12:50:56 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : Hi Marc, yes we can. We will send out lame duck action alerts with talking points.

12:51:07 From Justin Barnaby : Senator Ed McBroom

Phone: (517) 373-7840

12:51:27 From Justin Barnaby : Senator Tom Barrett

By Phone: (517) 373-344

12:52:09 From Jan Van Gasse : I will also contact Senator McBroom and Representative LaFave, as they are my legislators also (Norway-Vulcan Area Schools). In fact, Senator McBroom lives in the district.

12:52:15 From Jeff Cobb : Melissa, that was house bill 4342. it will changed to reflect the changes Jen mentioned

12:52:27 From Catherine LaValley : Thank you for phone #'s but Sen. Barrett is missing a #.

12:52:45 From Justin Barnaby : Sorry....

12:52:46 From Justin Barnaby : Senator Tom Barrett

By Phone: (517) 373-3447

12:52:47 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : Hi Melissa, SB 1176-1177 Teacher/Supt Eval Flexibility

12:53:42 From Melissa Courtade : Thank you De'Shondria

12:55:12 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : You are welcome. To summarize, MASB Lame Duck priorities: OMA flexibility, Critical Shortage, Teacher/Supt Evals, and Substitutes

12:55:54 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : We will have our lame duck priority page on E-Vocate up very soon. You can check there for more info as well.

12:56:02 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : You're welcome Melissa!

12:57:24 From Catherine LaValley : Thank you very much for this meeting.

12:57:49 From Angela Shinaver : Thank you this was helpful information!!

12:57:55 From Denise Dufort : appreciate all the information, thanks to all!

12:58:22 From Tom Buckalew : Thanks to all for a very informative hour. Much appreciated.

12:58:24 From De'Shondria Bedenfield : Thank you all for joining!!! We will have this recording available soon for you all to view.

12:58:26 From Randel Meisner : Thank you for all the Up to date Information.

12:58:42 From Kenneth Poirier : Is a parallel path being pursued to pressure MDHHS to carve out an exception for SB meetings?

12:58:46 From Barbara Anness : Thanks for the update!

12:58:48 From Christine Baker : Thanks for the great info. Happy Thanksgiving

12:58:54 From Lana Ford : Thank you so much for the update. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

12:58:55 From Ken Haggart : Thank you!

12:58:55 From Kristin Flick : Thank you

12:58:55 From Ashanti Bland : Great information Thank you!

12:58:57 From Holly Spencer : thank you

12:59:19 From Jack Temsey : thank you for the info