

# Please Join Me for an Education Town Hall

We all know that a great education starts with great teachers. Over the past seven years, more than 25 Public Acts have been passed that have had harmful effects on teachers' salaries, pensions, health care, collective bargaining agreements, and their ability to effectively perform essential job functions.

Our teachers deserve better. That's why I've partnered with my colleagues in the Michigan House and Senate from across the state to design a revolutionary TeA+chers for Michigan package.



Please plan to join

**Representative Christine Greig**

**with special guests Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood,**

**Julie Rowe**, AFT Michigan's Legislative Mobilization Coordinator; **Dave Workman**, Local MEA Representative;

**Dr. Michele Harmala**, Madonna University; **Jarod McGuffey**, Trusted Voices: Teaching Advocacy; and

**Dr. C. Robert Maxfield**, former superintendent and founder of Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership

for a town hall meeting to discuss

how we can prepare, attract and retain the best possible teachers for Michigan students

**Maxfield Education Center**

32789 W. 10 Mile Road • Farmington

**Wednesday, May 9 • 6–7:30 p.m.**

Light refreshments provided.

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### THE NEED

#### Michigan teachers need to be valued.

Over the past seven years, more than 25 Public Acts have been passed that have had harmful effects on teachers' salaries, pensions, health care, collective bargaining agreements, and their ability to effectively perform essential job functions.

### THE FACT

#### Michigan teachers need our support.

We need to ensure that all teachers feel supported and respected here in Michigan. The profession of teaching needs to be restored as a valued occupation.

### THE SOLUTION

#### Provide Michigan teachers the right tools.

Like our kids, qualified teachers need tools to learn, grow and thrive. That's why we introduced a comprehensive "TeA+chers for Michigan" bill package.

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### Preparing the Best

*We need to prepare future teachers with real classroom experience through opportunities, training and grants.*

#### Legislation areas include:

- Underrepresented Teacher Recruitment Program
- Early Childhood Educators Act
- Stipends for student teachers

### Attracting the Brightest

*We need to attract the brightest teachers to districts that need highly skilled educators through incentives such as loan forgiveness and bonuses.*

#### Legislation areas include:

- Student loan forgiveness
- One-time bonus for new or experienced teachers
- Annual bonus for math, science, and special education teachers

### Retaining the Finest

*We need to retain the finest teachers by offering a focused toolbox to succeed, such as continued education and improved compensation.*

#### Legislation areas include:

- Mentor teacher pay
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Fund
- MPERS cost share elimination
- Removal of hard cap on health care insurance for all school employees
- Amend the tiered teacher evaluation system
- Removal of punitive section of the Public Employees Relations Act (PERA)
- MPERS inclusion for charter school employees
- Community district teacher compensation
- Establishment of teacher: student ratio
- Increased recognition for Teachers of the Year
- Teacher Certification Grant for advanced degrees in shortage fields
- Create a MI Teacher Council

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## **Preparing *the Best*. Attracting *the Brightest*. Retaining *the Finest*.**

**Creates a tax credit for teachers who use their own money to purchase supplies for their classrooms.**

Senate Bill 25, Sponsor: Sen. David Knezek (D—Dearborn Heights) | House Bill 5484, Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (D—Flint)

**Repeals Right-to-Work for public employees.**

Senate Bill 724, Sponsor: Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D—Taylor) | House Bill 4146, Sponsor: Rep. John Chirkun (D—Roseville)

**Repeals Right-to-Work for private employees.**

Senate Bill 725, Sponsor: Sen. Steve Bieda (D—Warren) | House Bill 4147, Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cochran (D—Mason)

**Creates a program for high school students in underrepresented groups to pursue a teaching career.**

Senate Bill 764, Sponsor: Sen. Morris W. Hood III (D—Detroit) | House Bill 5465, Sponsor: Rep. CHRISTINE GREIG (D—Brownstown Township)

**Provides a scholarship to individuals who have worked for more than one year at an early childhood center, work over 25 hours/week and are enrolled in an undergraduate program for early childhood education.**

Senate Bill 765, Sponsor: Sen. Steve Bieda (D—Warren) | House Bill 5466, Sponsor: Rep. Donna Lasinski (D—Scio Township)

**Provides student teachers at economically disadvantaged schools with an annual stipend of up to \$1,000.**

Senate Bill 766, Sponsor: Sen. Steve Bieda (D—Warren) | House Bill 5476 Sponsor: Rep. David LaGrand (D—Grand Rapids)

**Establishes a loan forgiveness program for eligible teachers at economically disadvantaged schools.**

Senate Bill 767, Sponsor: Sen. Morris W. Hood III (D—Detroit) | House Bill 5467, Sponsor: Rep. Jon Hoadley (D—Kalamazoo)

**Provides a one-time bonus of \$3,000 to \$5,000 for newly hired teachers, or a one-time relocation bonus of up to \$1,000 for teachers moving to teach in economically disadvantaged schools.**

Senate Bill 768, Sponsor: Sen. David Knezek (D—Dearborn Heights) | House Bill 5468, Sponsor: Rep. Bill Sowerby (D—Clinton Township)

**Awards an annual bonus of \$1,800 for math, science or special education teachers in economically disadvantaged schools.**

Senate Bill 769, Sponsor: Sen. Ian Conyers (D—Detroit) | House Bill 5469, Sponsor: Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D—Detroit)

**Awards a stipend of \$500 to experienced teachers for each newly certified teacher that they mentor.**

Senate Bill 770, Sponsor: Sen. Bert Johnson (D—Highland Park) | House Bill 5470, Sponsor: Rep. Tenisha Yancey (D—Harper Woods)

**Provides scholarships of \$1,000 per semester for full-time teachers attending master-level teacher programs and serving in economically disadvantaged schools.**

Senate Bill 771, Sponsor: Sen. Jim Ananich (D—Flint) | House Bill 5475, Sponsor: Rep. Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D—Saginaw)

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**Removes the hard cap on health care for all school employees, and instead requires employees to pay at least 20 percent of health care costs.**

Senate Bill 773, Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren (D—Ann Arbor) | House Bill 5472, Sponsor: Rep. Yousef Rabhi (D—Ann Arbor)

**Streamlines the teacher evaluation process and requires districts to take mentorships into account when judging teacher performance.**

Senate Bill 774, Sponsor: Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D—Taylor) | House Bill 5473, Sponsor: Rep. Frank Liberati (D—Allen Park)

**Removes PERA language so teachers can receive step increases and health care if their contract with the district has expired.**

Senate Bill 776, Sponsor: Sen. Coleman A. Young II (D—Detroit) | House Bill 5477, Sponsor: Rep. Sara Cambensy (D—Marquette)

**Requires that MPSERS contributions be made for all charter school employees.**

Senate Bill 777, Sponsor: Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr. (D—East Lansing) | House Bill 5478, Sponsor: Rep. Kristy Pagan (D—Canton)

**Requires Detroit Community Schools to consider advanced degrees when determining teacher compensation.**

Senate Bill 778, Sponsor: Sen. David Knezek (D—Dearborn Heights) | House Bill 5479, Sponsor: Rep. Jim Ellison (D—Royal Oak)

**Sets the student-teacher ratio to be no greater than 20:1 for K-4th grade.**

Senate Bill 779, Sponsor: Sen. Vincent Gregory (D—Lathrup Village) | House Bill 5480, Sponsor: Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D—Huntington Woods)

**Increases the number of Michigan's Teacher of the Year award recipients to 13, with each recipient receiving a \$1,000 reward.**

Senate Bill 780, Sponsor: Sen. Steve Bieda (D—Warren) | House Bill 5481, Sponsor: Rep. Tim Sneller (D—Burton)

**Reimburses teachers for receiving teaching endorsements in a shortage area.**

Senate Bill 781, Sponsor: Sen. Coleman A. Young II (D—Detroit) | House Bill 5482, Sponsor: Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D—Dearborn)

**Creates an 11-member council to provide guidance on how to attract, prepare and retain teachers.**

Senate Bill 782, Sponsor: Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D—Taylor) | House Bill 5483, Sponsor: Rep. CHRISTINE GREIG (D—Farmington Hills)

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