

### **Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference**

Michigan's Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) took place on January 11, 2018, and predicted a small, slow growth in Michigan's economy. FY 2018 General Fund revenue is projected at \$10.3 billion, down \$101 million from estimates in May 2017. FY 2018 School Aid Fund revenue is now estimated at \$13.1 billion, up \$114 million from last May. You can view the Consensus Revenue Agreement Executive Summary [here](#).

### **Retirement Bill in House Financial Liability Committee**

Retirement Bill HB [5355](#) (Albert) was taken up for testimony only by the Financial Liability Committee on January 11. The bill would implement use of a level dollar method for paying off unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The bill lowers assumption for payroll growth amortization method used to pay off the unfunded actuarial liability from a level percent of payroll method to a level dollar method.

To read a summary of the latest version of the bill, click [HERE](#).

### **SB 702 Passes House, Returns to Senate**

[SB 702](#) (Pavlov), which changes deed restriction language in the Educational Instruction Access Act, reported from House Education Reform on January 11 and was passed by the House 61 to 45. Oakland Schools opposes this bill.

### **House Education Reform Testimony on Eliminating WorkKeys and the Student Athlete Bill**

On Thursday during the House Education Reform Committee meeting, Brandon Superintendent Matt Outlaw testified for [HB 4501](#) (Reilly-Oakland), which would eliminate the WorkKeys assessment or "similar assessment." Oakland Schools is in support of this bill. During committee there was discussion of amending the bill either to maintain the funding for those districts that choose to continue the WorkKeys or to take that funding and put it into the foundation allowance so that each district could decide if they wish to use it to continue funding the WorkKeys or some other assessment it finds valuable (NWEA, etc.).

Also during Thursday's House Education Reform meeting, the committee heard testimony on [HB 5393](#), which would allow access to interscholastic athletic activities for transfer students. The bill was just introduced on Wednesday, January 10, by Oakland County Rep. Tedder.

### **Senate Economic Development and International Investment Committee Holds Hearing on EDP Bills**

SBs 684-685 (Horn and MacGregor respectively) were taken up by the Senate Economic Development and International Investment Committee on Thursday. These bills would modify the requirements for educational development plans. Oakland Schools is supportive of the concept of these bills with some modifications, while MASA opposes them. Oakland Schools has various concerns including the lack of funding and some of the additional requirements as well as their application to K-12 instead of 6-12 as is usually the case with career focused instruction and information for students. There is also some concern about whether this is leading to a change or requirement that districts all use the same, certain software for the talent portfolio and some confusion regarding whether the portfolio is the responsibility of the pupil, or the school, etc. Changes are expected to the bill while it is in committee.