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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MICHIGAN **Teacher of the Year**

Each year, the Michigan Dept. of Education's Teacher of the Year program honors and recognizes teachers from across Michigan, offering honorees a chance to engage with state-level education and share insights on improving student outcomes. Nominations are open to the public and must be submitted online by Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Eligible nominees must have a valid Michigan teaching certificate, have at least five years of certified teaching experience in the state, and be in good standing with their school or district.



For more details and to submit a nomination, visit Michigan.gov/MDE.

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STATE SENATOR VERONICA KLINEFELT

Proudly Serving Senate District 11

Dear Neighbor,

It's an honor to serve as your state Senator. I am committed to the well-being and success of the kids and parents in our community and have been working hard to provide support and opportunities for you and your family.

If you have ideas you want to share, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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2025 BACK TO SCHOOL

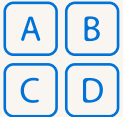
LOWERING COSTS AND **Investing in Students**

My Senate colleagues and I passed a bold 2025 state budget last year, securing transformative investments for students, schools, and staff all across Michigan and right here in Macomb and Wayne counties. Along with raising per-pupil funding statewide and reimbursing schools for some of their payroll costs, we also:



Expanded Free Breakfast and Lunch to All Students

Ensured that all Michigan public school students could receive free breakfast and lunch so they could focus on their learning.



Prepared More Kids for Kindergarten

Increased eligibility for the free Great Start Readiness Pre-K Program, opening more opportunities for children to gain early insight into math, reading, and thinking skills while learning how to get along with others.



Strengthened Higher Education Opportunities

Expanded access to free community college for all students in every part of the state with the Community College Guarantee.



Supported Youth to Meet Proficiency Standards

Equipped districts with the tools to ensure all students are proficient in English language arts and mathematics and are prepared to succeed in high school and beyond.



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SENATE PASSES HISTORIC MOMNIBUS BILLS TO IMPROVE **Maternal Health Outcomes**

Everyone deserves access to a safe, affirming pregnancy and birthing experience. In April, the Michigan Senate's passage of the "Momnibus" made significant progress on that goal. This important legislation will improve integrity and accountability in Michigan's maternal health care system, helping every family have an equitable opportunity to experience a healthy, empowering pregnancy and birth. The community-driven bill package will help tackle racial and ethnic maternal health disparities and improve outcomes for moms and babies alike.

Senate Bills 29-34 and 36-39 passed the Senate with bipartisan support and are now currently awaiting action in the Michigan House of Representatives.

POLICIES PASSED FOR **Families & Children**



Eliminated burdensome hurdles for IVF and surrogacy.
Public Acts 24-32 of 2024



Secured greater resources to support Michigan students and teachers.
Public Act 127 of 2024



Provided support to improve literacy rates and help students with dyslexia.
Public Acts 146 & 147 of 2024



Empowered home care workers to collectively bargain for better pay and safer working conditions.
Public Acts 144 & 145 of 2024



Reformed Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency to better support residents when they are going through tough times.
Public Acts 173, 238-240 of 2024