Dear Members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation,

As leaders of school districts all across Michigan, we are writing to urge you to protect federal funding for Supporting Effective Education Grants – Title II, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Throughout Michigan, public school districts currently receive $84.5 million in Title II-A grant funds. This critical funding helps school districts to prepare, train and recruit talented educators and skillful leaders. However, those vital dollars are at stake, with President Trump’s budget completely eliminating the grants. For many school districts, especially those that have a low or no fund balance, the opportunity to pursue professional development programs comes almost solely through Title II, Part A funding.

High-quality professional development is essential in any profession to attract the best and brightest, and to ensure that those who educate our children every day keep growing and learning. We are confident that you understand and agree that it is essential for teachers and school leaders to continue enhancing their practice throughout their careers to ensure that every student gets a high-quality education shaped by the most up-to-date research and techniques.

Eliminating Title II-A funding will essentially eliminate professional development and training for many districts in Michigan. At a time when schools and school districts are stretching every dollar, no longer having access to Supporting Effective Education Grants will make it more difficult for districts to invest in professional development for educators.

Michigan students deserve every opportunity to excel in today’s global economy, and it all starts with a high-quality education. Michigan educators are dedicated, passionate and highly skilled professionals. Superintendents from across Michigan are asking our members of Congress to protect Title II-A funding throughout the federal budget process.

Sincerely,

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