



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Darrin Camilleri

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

Darrin Camilleri

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

Wayne-Westland Community Schools

**4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:**

36745 Marquette, Westland 48185

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-6004180

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$250,000.00

**7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?**

The purpose of this LDSI is for Wayne-Westland Community Schools to request \$250,000 in funding to continue and expand access to its highly impactful Driver Education Program for students who face financial and academic barriers. This program is designed to serve students who qualify for free or reduced lunch and meet at least one of the State of Michigan's 31A "at-risk" criteria, ensuring support is directed to those with the greatest need. To promote responsibility and reinforce positive school engagement, students must also meet an attendance requirement of no more than five unexcused absences per semester. The program has demonstrated strong success and demand across our district. With previous state funding in 2024, Wayne-Westland Community Schools successfully provided driver education to 465 students, removing a significant financial barrier for families. The cost of driver

education, exceeding \$500 per student, is prohibitive for many in our community. As a result, some families delay enrollment until their child turns 18 to avoid these costs, leading to an increasing number of young drivers operating vehicles without formal driver education training. This funding will allow the district to continue offering equitable access to driver education, improve road safety, and support student independence and postsecondary readiness. Expanding this program directly aligns with the State's commitment to student safety, equity, and opportunity. Investing in this initiative ensures that all students, regardless of income, have the knowledge, skills, and preparation to become safe, responsible drivers.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

State

**Amount**

\$250,000.00

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

FY2027

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

*Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)*

*The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.*

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

**3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

**4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

*Certification By Sponsoring Legislator*

*"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."*

*"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."*

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."*

*Senator Darrin Camilleri*