

February 28, 2013

Dear Families with Gifted and Talented Children and Youth in Michigan:

A joint meeting of the House Appropriations and Education Committees is taking place next Wednesday in Lansing at the State Capitol Building to discuss allocations for the State Aid Act that funds education in Michigan.

Since there is no funding for gifted education in Michigan, only children whose families can afford private gifted schools or those fortunate enough to reside in the few school districts that offer gifted programs receive an education commensurate with their abilities.

The Michigan Association for Gifted Children (MAGC) asked the House Appropriations and Education Committees to approve an allocation of 1% of the Michigan education budget for gifted students. The money would ensure:

- Teacher training in gifted education for public school teachers,
- The development, implementation, and assessment of gifted and talented programs that take place during the school day for gifted and talented students,
- High quality gifted and talented materials, resources, programs, and services for gifted students in grades K-12.

The “live email links” to members of the MI House Appropriations and Education Committees are available [here](#). Please contact them immediately and let them know how much the 1% allocation would mean to your own and other gifted children. Briefly, share your stories with them; tell them what it has been like for your children and families without access to gifted education.

In addition, please ask family members, friends, teachers, and administrators to do the same. Every person you know who is 18 years of age and older, including different members of the same household, can and should send a separate communication, because each person is a separate constituent. This increases the number of letters legislators receive and therefore multiplies and underscores the importance and urgency of this issue.

Together we CAN change the future for gifted children in Michigan!

With Appreciation,
The Michigan Association for Gifted Children Advocacy Committee

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