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## Invest In MI Kids Ballot Initiative To Launch in August

Education Advocates Gather Groundswell of Support Across the State

**LANSING, MI** — The launch of the ballot initiative <u>Invest In MI Kids</u>, which seeks to add over \$1B to public education each year, has been delayed until August. With thousands of volunteers already trained in organizing for better funded schools, parents, students, school staff, and community members from across the state will start collecting signatures later this summer when Invest In MI Kids launches in August due to a clerical delay.

"This delay is a blessing in disguise; now we get to lay more solid groundwork with our grassroots partners who've been chomping at the bit to get started." says Oakland County Coordinator and Invest In MI Kids supporter Charlie Cavell.

Focused on Michigan's kids, schools, and winning the funding they deserve, Invest In MI Kids is building a powerful movement of thousands of volunteers across the state to advocate for Michigan schools. Invest in MI Kids will be back at the next Board of Canvassers meeting to get the summary language and petition form approved.

Michigan children, across all races, places, and backgrounds, deserve a strong education that prepares them to be the next generation of leaders in our communities. Decades of disinvestment have left Michigan schools underfunded by \$4.5B resulting in falling education achievement levels, crumbling facilities, and a teacher shortage crisis - with students paying the price.

The 'Invest in MI Kids' initiative will change the state constitution to create a fair share surcharge for the wealthiest Michiganders, generating approximately \$1 billion annually in additional revenue for public K-12 schools across the state.

Education is the cornerstone of our democracy and every child deserves a strong, well-funded, healing public school where they can thrive in the classroom and beyond. Michiganders who are interested in learning more about this initiative can visit <a href="InvestInMlkids.com">InvestInMlkids.com</a> to learn more.

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