

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Rochester Parents RISE to hold “Billion Dollar Bake Sale” to Raise Awareness for the Need to Close Michigan’s \$4.5 billion Education Funding Gap

WHAT:

Local parents with Rochester Parents RISE will hold a “Billion Dollar Bake Sale” on Saturday, September 9th to help raise local funds to donate diverse books to teachers, courtesy of Free To Read Rochester, and also to bring awareness to the [\\$4.5 billion in annual funding needed to adequately fund Michigan schools](#).

Rochester Community Schools needs more funding to attract and retain paraprofessionals, offset special education and transportation costs, lower class sizes, hire additional social workers and counselors, and to fill so many other educational needs.

WHO:

- Rochester Parents RISE
- Katherine Nitz, organizer

WHY:

Michigan schools have been systemically underfunded for decades. While federal stimulus spending allowed Michigan leaders to make historic investments in our school recently, a long-term solution is needed.

Our outdated, one-size-fits-all funding structure prevents districts from receiving resources based on their actual needs. For too long, a wealthy few have rigged the rules against everyday Michiganders by avoiding paying their fair share in taxes – underfunding our schools and depriving students of the education they deserve. This bake sale will help support local needs while calling on lawmakers to fix Michigan’s education funding gap once and for all.

WHERE / WHEN:

Saturday Sept 9th, 10am-7pm
Rochester Park (by the tennis courts)

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