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**DETROIT FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2019-23**

**APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DISTRICT'S SEPTEMBER OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, Public Act 181 of 2014, the Michigan Financial Review Commission Act (the "Act"), allows for the creation of the Detroit Financial Review Commission (the "Commission") within the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Section 6(1) of the Act empowers the Commission to provide oversight for the Detroit Public Schools Community District (the "Community District") beginning on June 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Section 7(q) of the Act provides that during the period of oversight, the Commission approve all Community District reimbursements to school board members, officials, and employees for travel outside the state; and

WHEREAS, at the Commission meeting on September 30, 2019, the Community District presented out-of-state travel reimbursement requests, attached as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution, for the Commission's review and approval.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Detroit Financial Review Commission as follows:

1. That the Community District's September 30, 2019 out-of-state travel reimbursement requests, attached as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution but excluding any reimbursements a majority of Commission members present has agreed to exclude as noted in the minutes, are hereby approved.
2. That the minutes of the Detroit Financial Review Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted take notice of the adoption of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall have immediate effect.

# Out-of-State Travel Requests

The following reimbursements (estimated cost) are being provided to the Board of Education for review and approval. These must also be provided to the FRC for review and approval pursuant to section 7(q) of the Michigan Financial Review Commission Act.

	Conference Name	Location of Trip	Dates of Conference	School / Department	Central Office	Student	Faculty/ Chaperones	Total Participants	Funding Source	Total Est. Cost	Approved by:	Notes
1	CropKing Grower Training	Lodi, OH	October 9 – October 10, 2019	Drew Transition Center	0	0	1	1	Grant Funds	\$901	Academic Committee 8.22.2019  Finance Committee 08.23.2019  Board 09.17.2019  Anticipated Approval FRC 09.30.2019	
2	Urban School Wellness Coalition	Charlotte, NC	October 14 – October 17, 2019	Office of School Nutrition	1	0	0	1	Grant Funds	\$1,839	Academic Committee 8.22.2019  Finance Committee 08.23.2019  Board 09.17.2019  Anticipated Approval FRC 09.30.2019	

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3	Appellate Oral Argument of Federal Literacy Lawsuit	Cincinnati, OH	October 24, 2019	Office of the General Counsel	1	0	0	1	General Funds	\$1,115	Anticipated Approval Finance Committee 09.27.2019  FRC 09.30.2019  Board 10.15.2019	



**Agenda Item Details**

Meeting Sep 17, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting  
 Category 15. Consent Agenda (Administrative Items)  
 Subject 15.05 Recommendation to Approve the Out-of-State Travel to the CropKing Growers Workshop  
 Access Public  
 Type Action  
 Recommended Action Motion to approve Out-of-State Travel to the CropKing Growers Workshop in the amount of \$901 using Special Education (Act 18) grant funds.

**Public Content**

**Recommendation:**

That the School Board approve Out-of-State Travel to the CropKing Growers Workshop in the amount of \$901 using Special Education (Act 18) grant funds.

**Description and Background:**

This item was recommended for approval by the Academic Committee on August 22, 2019 and the Finance Committee on August 23, 2019.

The following represents the travel request for approval:

Trip Details	Estimated Cost
Event: CropKing Grower Training Workshop	Registration \$595
Location: Lodi, OH	Lodging \$174
Dates: 10/9/19 - 10/11/19	Per Diem \$132
Department: Drew Transition Center	Total: \$901
Participants: 1 Staff	
Funding Source: Act 18	

**Gap Analysis:**

Drew Transition Center has the largest farm-to-school and work-based training programs in Michigan. One of its horticulture program teachers was awarded the Innovative Educator Corps grant to attend the CropKing Grower Workshop for his work at Drew. The CropKing Grower Workshop is a greenhouse and hydroponics training program that will incorporate teaching and demonstration to provide participants an understanding of controlled environment vegetable production systems. Participants will learn about CropKing's vine and leafy crop production systems and be introduced to the central elements of hydroponic greenhouse design and management.

**Previous Outcomes:**

N/A

**Financial Impact:**

\$901, Act 18 - Exceptional Student Education Funds

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**Administrative Content**

**Executive Content**



### Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 17, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	15. Consent Agenda (Administrative Items)
Subject	15.06 Recommendation to Approve the Out-of-State Travel to 2019 Urban School Wellness Coalition Conference
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve out of state travel for the 2019 Urban School Wellness Coalition for the period of October 14, 2019 through October 17, 2019 in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000.

### Public Content

#### Recommendation:

That the School Board approve out of state travel for the 2019 Urban School Wellness Coalition (USWC) for the period of October 14, 2019 through October 17, 2019 in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000.

#### Description and Background:

This item was recommended for approval by the Academic Committee on August 22, 2019 and the Finance Committee on August 23, 2019.

The Action for Healthy Kids Urban School Wellness Coalition is committed to helping school districts inform, coordinate, enhance and measure the development and implementation of equitable practices and policies through the collective impact model to ensure students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required districts to establish local school wellness policies which, at a minimum, include: goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness; and nutrition guidelines for all foods available on each school campus during the school day consistent with USDA's meal pattern requirements.

As the District improves its integration of health and wellness into our education setting, the Urban School Wellness Coalition, comprised of leaders from 32 school districts, uses a collaborative impact approach through the Whole School, Whole Child model to advance the implementation of comprehensive school wellness policies and practices. Attending the conference and benchmarking with colleagues aligns with the Whole Child Commitment as we address not only eating healthy for wellness but other areas that students and their families encounter such as food insecurity.

Trip	Category	Estimated Cost
Conference: 2019 Urban School Wellness Coalition  Location: Charlotte, NC  Date: 10/14/19 - 10/17/19  Department: Office of School Nutrition  Participants: 1 Program Supervisor  Funding Source: NSLP (Federal)	Registration:  Transportation:  Lodging:  Per Diem:  Total:	\$500  \$325  \$624  \$390  \$1,839

### **Gap Analysis:**

Attending this conference will assist us in remaining current on issues concerning school wellness policies and the requirements from the USDA. Failure to comply with the USDA school wellness policy could result in a finding.

### **Previous Outcomes:**

Since 2014, District personnel have used the information learned at the conference to apply best practice principles from other districts to our wellness policy. These practices included utilizing Healthy Pro software to aid the District in promoting and marketing its food offerings to students. Previous conference attendance also aided the District's Wellness School Assessment Score (WelSat 2.0) in improving above the national average.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

Attendee is expected to gain skills and knowledge necessary for the District to remain compliant with the implementation of MDE's mandated wellness policy.

### **Alignment to Strategic Plan:**

Whole Child Commitment

### **Financial Impact:**

School Lunch Program Funding (Fund 25): \$2,000.

**Administrative Content**

**Executive Content**





### Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 27, 2019 - Finance Sub-Committee Meeting (Open)
Category	4. Action Items
Subject	4.04 Out-of-State Travel Request - Office of the General Counsel to Attend Appellate Oral Argument of Federal Literacy Lawsuit
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the out of state travel for the General Counsel to attend the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit federal lawsuit, Gary B., et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer, et al., for the date of October 24, 2019 for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,115.

### Public Content

#### Recommendation:

That the School Board approve the request for out of state travel for the General Counsel to attend the Thursday, October 24, 2019 oral argument, before the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit, of the federal literacy lawsuit Gary B., et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer, et al. The amount of travel will-not-exceed \$1,115.

#### Description and Background:

The below flight and hotel costs will only be incurred if the General Counsel is requested to present to the Court in this matter. Should the General Counsel attend for observation purposes only, travel will occur via car, same day.

Trip Details	Estimated Cost	Comments
<b>Event:</b> Oral Argument in federal literacy lawsuit, <u>Gary B. et al. v. Whitmer, et al.</u> ,  <b>Location:</b> Cincinnati, Ohio  <b>Dates:</b> October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.. EST.	<u>Airfare: \$515.00</u> <u>Hotel: \$270.00</u> <u>Transportation to/from Cincinnati Airport and Hotel: \$50.00</u> Per Diem: \$280.00  <b>TOTAL: \$1,115.00</b>	

<p><b>Department:</b> Office of the General Counsel</p> <p><b>Participant(s):</b> 1 (General Counsel, Jenice Mitchell Ford)</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> General Funds</p>	
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### Gap Analysis:

- This federal lawsuit alleges that the State of Michigan has breached Detroit school children’s constitutional right of access to literacy.
- The lawsuit was filed in 2016 while Detroit Public Schools was under State of Michigan emergency management. In November 2018, Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) filed an amicus brief on behalf of plaintiffs/Detroit school children.
- OGC will timely file a motion to present oral argument. Also, it is possible that even if OGC doesn’t present oral argument – OGC may be asked a question by the judicial panel. To this end, it is prudent for OGC to attend the hearing.

### Previous Outcomes:

Not Applicable.

### Expected Outcomes:

The Court may rule in the plaintiffs and District's favor.

### Alignment to Strategic Plan:

Outstanding Achievement

### Financial Impact:

This amount would be paid out of the General Funds.

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