



## BUDGET UPDATE

On Tuesday, September 24, the Legislature finished work on the \$59.9 billion budget for the fiscal year 2020.

On Monday, September 30, Governor Gretchen Whitmer used her line-item veto power on 147 item to cut \$1 billion from the budget.

Vetoes that will directly affect our region include:

- **\$375 million for roads and infrastructure funding**
- **\$37.3 million for Going PRO Talent Fund**
- **\$37.5 million for the Pure Michigan Tourism campaign**
- **\$12 million for Saginaw Valley State University Brown Hall renovation**
- **\$4.7 million for agriculture & rural developments**
- **\$128.6 million for school aid**

Negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor will begin to take place soon. It is our hope an agreement can be reached on these and other items to provide supplemental funding for programs vital to our regional businesses, education and tourism.

In addition, Governor Whitmer held a rare State Administrative Board meeting. The Board approved a transfer of \$625 million from the Legislature's budget to other state departments.

*We encourage you to reach out to the Governor and your legislators to voice your concerns about the fiscal year 2020 budget.*

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We will send more updates as they come in.

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On behalf of our members, the Bay Area and Saginaw County Chambers of Commerce will continue to monitor public policy that impact our region, our communities and most importantly--your business!

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