



KAROUB SPECIAL REPORT

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GOVERNOR WHITMER DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR WAYNE COUNTY

The aftermath of heavy rainfall and flooding in Wayne County and the City of Detroit forced Governor Whitmer to declare a state of emergency. Power outages caused by the rain and flooding hampered rescue and cleanup efforts around the county as residents scrambled to clean flooded basements and preserve priceless family artifacts. The state's emergency operations center (EOC) is open and coordinating the state's response. The emergency declaration will allow counties access to additional resources to assist in the cleanup effort and allow the Michigan State Police (MSP), Emergency Management, and Homeland Security to work more seamlessly with local governments. With more rainfall in the forecast this week, it's expected that more areas could be affected.

HOUSE PASSES RECORD K-12 BUDGET CLOSING PER PUPIL FUNDING GAP

While the Senate has yet to sign off, the House last week passed a record spending plan that appropriates \$16.7 billion on K-12 education, 7.8% more than the \$15.5 billion spent last year. The Administration has given its blessing to the spending plan which now heads to the Senate where Appropriations Chairman Senator Jim Stamas (R-Midland) said it's his main priority for the week.

The House plan includes \$240 million for wraparound services like school psychologists, social workers, and nurses. It also includes a \$1,093 per-pupil equity grant for districts, which could end up being a point of contention in the Senate as they initially wanted the grants left out.

Karoub Associates will provide a comprehensive budget analysis later this week, stay tuned!