



MEJC-Action Fund

Project 2025 & its Education Impact



What is MEJC-Action Fund?

Michigan Education Justice Coalition Action Fund (MEJC-AF) is a 501(c)(4) organization fiscally sponsored by Forward Michigan that is working to establish a more equitable, just, and well-funded public education system for ALL kids in Michigan through a mix of grassroots movement-building and electoral politics.

Our platform? We want equitable funding, comprehensive sex education (CSE), lessons on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), social-emotional learning (SEL), restorative justice practices, and more for ALL students and schools in the State of Michigan. Education Forward Michigan is the organization by which we will show our support for the bills and elected officials who share our vision.

<https://www.mejc-af.org>

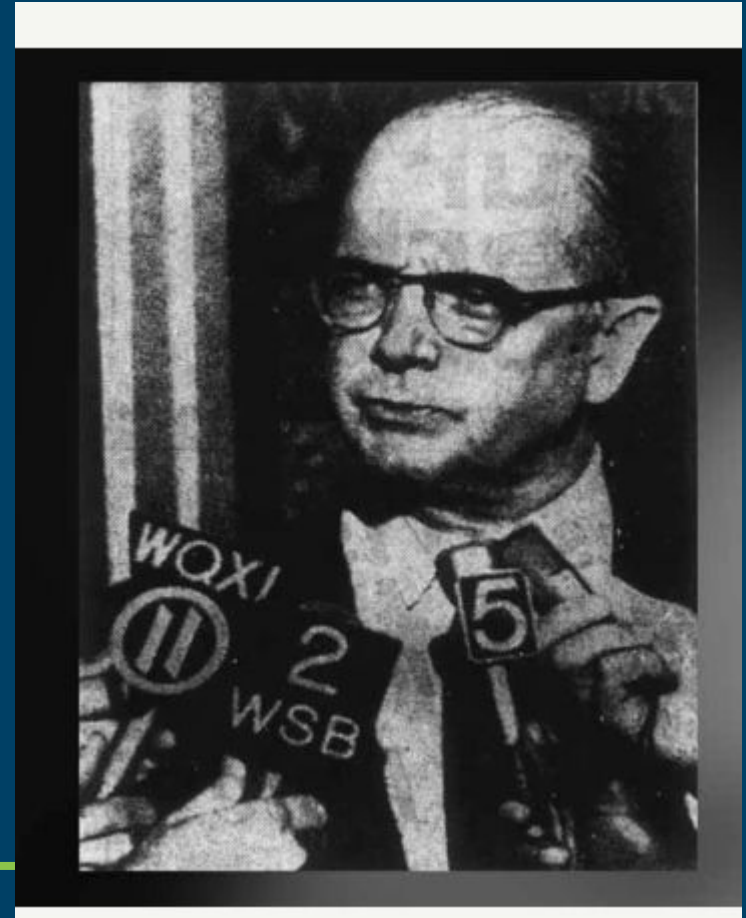
Let's Get Started

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“Georgia Governor Lester Maddox Calls for Public School Closures in Response to DOJ Integration Order”

1969- Justice Department ordered Georgia to present an integration plan for the state's public school system. In response, GA governor said he'd be willing to give up the \$75 million/yr federal aid for education if it meant Georgia schools could continue segregation



Eliminate the Department of Education

DoE was established in 1979 to “strengthen the Federal commitment to ensuring equal educational opportunity for every individual.” (James & Ragland, 2024)

- Prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, or sex
- Gave the DoE authority to desegregate public schools
- Allows the Attorney Gen'l to file lawsuits to enforce desegregation

Roll Back Title IV

Part of the Civil Rights of 1964,
which is aimed at desegregation
of Public Education

Roll Back Title I

Title I is a program designed to help disadvantaged children meet academic standards by providing additional funding to local districts based on poverty rates. Allows local school districts to:

- Implement schoolwide programs to upgrade the educational program
- In schools w > 40% poverty, provides for supplementary instruction for students who are struggling

- Over 800,000 students would lose access to headstart; 27,000 of which are in Michigan
- Michigan would lose 54,000 teachers, which would further increase staffing & teacher shortages we are experiencing- with rural districts & Detroit being disproportionately impacted
- Would further increase inequity in schools, deepening the divide in funding btwn wealthy & low-income schools

IDEA/Special Education

Eliminating Title I- would remove the federal funding for IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). Currently, the Federal Government pays roughly 13% of the education costs of students with disability

In addition, by moving toward a school voucher system, money would be syphoned from public schools into private and charter schools that have no obligation to educate students with disabilities or learning difference.



Eliminate School nutrition programs

In Michigan, families are estimated to
save \$850/year/child



...and more

- Would censor classroom discussion of “race, gender, and sexual orientation.” (Kaminski, 2024)
- Promotes discrimination against LGBTQIA
- Criminalize teachers & libraries for supporting LGTQ students & require teachers and librarians who disseminate books and materials that address transgender identities to be registered as sex offenders
- Block student debt cancellation programs (such as PSLF which benefits teachers) & increase monthly payments for student loan borrowers

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