



## Michigan House of Representatives

Representative,

As you may be aware, the bipartisan School Safety Package (House Bills 4088-4100) was referred to our committee back on February 14th of 2023. This package of bills is the product of the School Safety Task Force which began working on this legislation over two years ago. The plan would establish dedicated staff for school safety and mental health at every school district, implement regular review of each school's safety plan, ensure tips submitted through the OK2SAY system are directed to the proper authorities, standardize training and communication for responding to school emergencies, and more.

We are beyond disappointed and frustrated that these bills have not yet received a public hearing, so we are taking it upon ourselves as members of the Education committee to finally give this legislation the hearing it deserves.

Our adopted House rules and legislative procedure provide a remedy for this situation. A majority of members on a committee may call a meeting and set an agenda without needing approval from the Chair. Included with this letter, you will find a draft notice to Clerk Brown calling for a meeting of the Education committee on Tuesday, March 5th at 8:00am. We are scheduling this meeting an hour before our traditional meeting time so we don't interfere with Chair Koleszar's potential meeting and agenda.

While we only need two additional members to sign on, we would like to see unanimous support for a hearing on the School Safety Package. If you are willing to join us in a call for this meeting, please contact Vice Chair Jaime Greene.

Thank you,

Representative Jaime Greene  
65<sup>th</sup> District

Representative Gregory Markkanen  
110<sup>th</sup> District

Representative Brad Paquette  
37<sup>th</sup> District

Representative Pauline Wendzel  
39<sup>th</sup> District

Representative Gina Johnsen  
78<sup>th</sup> District