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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4313, which makes appropriations for universities, community colleges, and school districts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. The appropriations in Enrolled House Bill 4313 total \$16.6 billion and provide funding for important education services throughout the state. State funding for public schools is at its highest level ever with this budget. Enrolled House Bill 4313 also makes supplemental appropriations for universities and school districts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

I have, however, disapproved four items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific vetoes are detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the Secretary of State. While some items may serve valid public policy goals, the items vetoed represent programs that are largely duplicative of or interfere with current state programs, or which have an unclear purpose. In total, I have vetoed \$1.4 million in funding in this bill.

I note vetoes of the following provisions: in Article I Section 99u the Online Mathematics Program, Section 104e the digital assessment preparation, and Section 99c Civics Education for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. I welcome the opportunity to reconsider these budget requests in future supplemental appropriations or budgets if their importance to the state of Michigan can be demonstrated.

I have considered the enforceability of boilerplate provisions as I provide direction to departments in implementing appropriations contained in Enrolled House Bill 4313. Among the various provisions that are considered unenforceable, I note section 164h.

Enrolled House Bill 4313 also contains boilerplate sections that include statements of legislative intent. We will take these legislative preferences into consideration as departments and agencies implement the appropriations. These legislative intent statements, however, do not impose conditions on appropriations and are non-binding upon departments and agencies implementing the appropriations.

I commend the Legislature for completing its work on a fiscally responsible budget ahead of schedule for the seventh consecutive year. This appropriations bill sets clear funding priorities for educational programs critical to Michigan's comeback.

Respectfully,

Rick Snyder  
Governor

Attachment

cc: Michigan State Senate  
The Honorable Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State