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KJL WEEKLY UPDATE

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KJL SPECIAL ALERT

The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

Michigan governor calls for in-person learning to resume by March 1

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer wants to see K-12 schools resume in-person learning by March 1, 2021.

The governor “strongly encouraged” schools to offer an option for in-person instruction “no later than March 1” while speaking during a virtual afternoon press conference Friday, Jan. 8. She said the goal is for every student to have the option of face-to-face learning, especially for younger children.

In-person learning won't be required, but Whitmer said she'd like it to be offered by March 1, if not sooner.

Educators are among the groups eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in the next phase, beginning Monday, Jan. 11. However, questions remain regarding how and when those individuals will get their shots with many details that still need to be worked out.

Bridget McCormack elected Supreme Court Chief Justice

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack was unanimously elected to a two-year term as Chief Justice Wednesday.

McCormack was first elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2012 and succeeds previous Chief Justice Stephen Markman in the role. She is the sixth woman in Michigan history to serve as Chief Justice, and her election marks the first time in state history that the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Chief Justice are all women, according to the Michigan Supreme Court.

In a statement, McCormack pledged to make Michigan's court system more accessible and responsive to the public.

As Chief Justice, McCormack plans to focus on upgrading technology to improve service and make the court system more efficient, reforming pretrial practices and supporting problem-solving courts in Michigan's justice system. Justice David Viviano will serve as Chief Justice Pro Tem to oversee court technology and administrative changes.

Michigan Republican Party chairman will not seek re-election

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Laura Cox announced she will not pursue a second term leading the state GOP. Cox stepping down essentially clears the way for Ron Weiser, a University of Michigan regent who served two terms before stepping down.

Governor Veto's 220 Million Addition to The State Unemployment Fund

Michiganders filing for unemployment benefits in Michigan in 2021, will only be allowed to claim for 20 weeks this year instead of 26. Governor Whitmer's recent veto prevented an extra six weeks of unemployment benefits.

The legislature had a plan in place to extend the benefits but with a provision that \$220 million dollars would be added to the state's trust fund. The Governor vetoed this legislation on Monday.

Candice Miller says she won't run for Michigan governor in 2022

Republican Candice Miller, a former congresswoman and longtime elected official in Michigan, announced Monday that she will not run for governor in 2022.

Miller, who is currently the public works commissioner in Macomb County, revealed her decision in a Facebook post. She noted that there had been "some recent media reports" about her potentially being a candidate but she said it won't happen next year.

Senate Fiscal Agency Year End Balance:

YEAR-END BALANCE ESTIMATES Based on the accounting of State revenue and expenditures as of December 28, 2020, the Senate Fiscal Agency (SFA) is estimating that the FY 2019-20 GF/GP budget will close the fiscal year with a \$2.5 billion balance. The SFA estimates that the FY 2019-20 SAF budget will close the fiscal year with a \$1.2 billion balance. A comparison of the SFA's FY 2020-21 revenue estimates with enacted and projected appropriations leads to an \$1.1 billion GF/GP year-end balance. The SFA estimates that the FY 2020-21 SAF budget will end the year with an \$830.1 million balance. Looking ahead at the FY 2021-22 budget, there is a projected GF/GP balance of \$296.5 million if the SFA's FY 2021-22 GF/GP revenue estimate is compared with FY 2021-22 GF/GP estimated expenditures that freeze initial ongoing spending at the FY 2020-21 level; include the projected year-end balance of \$1.1 billion from FY 2020-21; include \$150.0 million of projected savings from changes to the Federal share of Medicaid caseload and costs; \$146.0 million of GF/GP backfill of one-time Federal Coronavirus dollars; \$23.0 million of increased costs from the DHHS audit findings; and include increases for employee economics, State Building Authority rent, and other baseline adjustments. If the SFA's FY 2021-22 SAF revenue estimate is compared with the FY 2021-22 SAF estimated continuation expenditures adjusted for changes in estimated pupils and other costs, the projected SAF surplus is \$748.5 million. The FY 2019-20 estimated ending balances may change when the State's book-closing process is completed, and the final comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) is published. If the FY 2019-20 numbers change because of final supplemental spending and other book-closing issues, the ending balances in this report will be affected. If policy changes are enacted during FY 2020-21, the ending balances for FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22 could be improved or worsened.

KJL COVID RESOURCE TAB

A COVID 19 resource tab has been added to our website www.kjlteam.com. We will continue to update that tab with information relevant to our clients. Also, if you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily information.



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