

We Need a New Law...
“No Michigan Citizen Left Behind”
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We have a federal law “No Child Left Behind” that requires that all students make adequate yearly progress; schools must make sure that things move forward, improve, get better, prepare students for a brighter future. We need a new law for all of the people who live in the State of Michigan called “No Michigan Citizen Left Behind.”

Our new law would apply to our state governor, senators, and representatives. They will be required to document that all Michigan citizens have moved forward economically, socially, and educationally each year. All sub groups will be looked at – not just Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Lansing. We’ll test them to see if they’ve enacted laws that have created jobs, reduced the expense of government, improved the quality of education and created a brighter future for our families.

Any of our elected officials who don’t pass the assessments (didn’t make adequate yearly progress) will be required to take a reduction in pay equal to the amount they spent on their campaigns divided by their length of terms. I would hardly be able to wait to see the scores released in all of the local newspapers to see how they performed.

It’s decision time and time is of the essence!

Maybe if we had this new law, we’d know the financial status for education. We may lose considerable dollars promised to education for this year, and we have no idea what will happen next year. In the past, once the budget was presented to our legislature, we had a 30-day time frame in which decisions must be made. Apparently, that rule no longer needs to be followed.

Maybe if we had this new law, we’d know what the tax structure for business will look like next year. Why would any business make the decision to locate in Michigan at this time when they have no idea what their tax liability will be?

We need leaders in our legislature that are statesmen willing to make tough, timely, appropriate decisions regardless of their politics. We need to fix our significant problems now. We may need a new law: “No Michigan Citizen Left Behind!”