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## RALLY FOR ADEQUATE SCHOOL FUNDING

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### Frequently Asked Questions

The K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future will host a Capitol Rally on Tuesday, June 21. The Rally will bring together parents, students, community leaders, school employees and concerned citizens to urge the Legislature to pass SB 246/HB 4582 and provide adequate school funding – kindergarten through university.

#### **Agenda:**

Noon–1 p.m. Registration/Materials at Lansing Center, Exhibit Hall A, Downtown Lansing  
1:00–1:45 p.m. Pre-rally – Lansing Center  
1:45–2:00 p.m. Walk to Capitol (3 short blocks)  
2:00 –3:00 p.m. Rally at the CAPITOL

#### **Q: How do I (we) sign up?**

**A:** Please go to the K-16 Coalition website at [www.michigank16.org](http://www.michigank16.org) and pre-register for the Rally. Pre-registration will only take about 20 seconds and pre-registering helps K-16 plan for rally participants. Also, there is additional information about K-16 and helpful details about attending the Rally.

#### **Q: What about inclement weather?**

**A:** We live in Michigan! Rain or shine we're going to rally! Dress appropriately.

#### **Q: Are provisions made for emergency healthcare and water?**

**A:** Yes, emergency healthcare will be available at the Lansing Center. Bottled water will be made available.

#### **Q: What time do I (we) need to arrive in downtown Lansing?**

**A:** Plan to arrive in downtown Lansing before noon to allow for parking and a short walk to the Lansing Center to sign in and receive your materials for the brief pre-rally promptly at 1:00 p.m. Your pre-registration on the web site will help the K-16 Coalition determine attendance and make appropriate logistical arrangements.

**Q: Can I (we) bring additional people with us?**

**A:** Yes! We want everyone concerned about education funding, the economic future of Michigan so intricately tied to education attainment – to attend and let our voices be heard delivering a message to the Legislature that funding education is Priority #1! Again, please encourage everyone to pre-register at the K-16 website.

**Q: What about parking?**

**A:** The website has maps of convenient parking close to the Capitol and Lansing Center. There is limited, free parking at the Lansing Center on a first come, first-served basis. The other ramps and lots charge a nominal parking fee. We ask that you plan some extra time to park and walk to the Lansing Center to register and attend the short pre-rally in the Lansing Center at 1:00 p.m.

**Q: Can we bring a motor coach of supporters to the Rally?**

**A:** Of course. We will have special motor coach parking. Bring the motor coach to the Lansing Center at Noon. The K-16 website has a listing of all charter coach companies operating in the state. Please let us know – [ken@michigank16.org](mailto:ken@michigank16.org) – if you plan to arrive via coach. We need to know the number of motor coaches/persons so we can contact you for special parking arrangements.

**Q: How long will the Rally last?**

**A:** Following the pre-rally, at 1:45 p.m. we will walk from the Lansing Center (about three short blocks) to the east steps of the Capitol where we will Rally. The Rally will conclude at approximately 3:00 PM.

**Q: Should I (we) bring a sign or banner?**

**A:** No, signs will be distributed at registration and pre-rally. For security reasons, please do not bring any signs, poles, sticks or banners.

**Q: What about provisions for wheelchair access?**

**A:** The Lansing Center and Capitol Grounds are handicapped accessible.

**Q: What do I need to bring with me (us)?**

**A:** Your commitment to adequate school funding, wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Rally signage, posters and other rally paraphernalia will be provided.

**Q: Can I (we) bring children?**

**A:** The K-16 Rally is child and family friendly. All children under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

**Q: What arrangements are made for food?**

A: We suggest you have lunch prior to pre-rally at 1:00 p.m. There are many vendors in downtown Lansing serving light snacks, food, or beverages. No food is allowed in the Lansing Center.

**Q: Can I (we) bring a cooler or lawn chair?**

A: We will have limited seating at the pre-rally and on the Capitol grounds. Please leave coolers, lawn chairs, large backpacks, in your car or on the bus.

**Q: Should I contact my legislator?**

A: Yes! On the K-16 web site at [www.michigank16.org](http://www.michigank16.org) homepage, click “Legislation” and there are sample letters and addresses for you to either write or email your Representative and Senator.

**Q: Should I (we) meet with our legislator?**

A: We encourage you to contact your Representative and/or Senator and ask for an appointment to meet and request their support of HB 4582 and SB 246. (For more information on the two bills, click on “Legislation” on the K-16 web site.)

Please continue to check the K-16 Coalition web site frequently at [www.michigank16.org](http://www.michigank16.org) for additional updates on rally arrangements. If you have a specific question not covered, please submit them to [ken@michigank16.org](mailto:ken@michigank16.org).