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Change to School Tax Collection Reported by Michigan Senate

Legislation is expected to bring in additional funding for Michigan Schools

March 15, 2002 – State Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D. (R-Battle Creek) today announced that Senate Bill 1165, which will move the collection of the State Education Tax from a winter collection to a summer collection, unanimously passed the Senate yesterday. Additionally, this bill cuts the rate of the State Education Tax for Michigan taxpayers from 6 mills to 5 mills for the 2003 tax year.

"The change to a summer tax collection for the State Education Tax will bring in approximately $500 million, funds that will allow us to bring the per pupil foundation allowance for Michigan school children to $6,700," said Schwarz. "Our schools need our support, and this change to align tax collection dates will give us the necessary revenue to increase the foundation allowance."

Senate Bill 1165 and its companion bill, Senate Bill 1166, now move to the House Tax Policy Committee for their consideration.

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