

Engler pursues educational changes over funding

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Like a fellow who just won \$5.6 billion in a school funding custody battle, Gov. John Engler is eagerly anticipating the birth of a new and improved public education system, but trying not to talk too much about how we'll pay for it.

"We're on the verge of some really exciting things happening," he said Monday to several reporters at the Southfield Radisson. "You're going to see tremendous change taking place."

The problem is that Engler, in concert with the state Legislature, just torpedooed \$5.6 billion in property tax revenue for every Michigan school district, and must replace that money with new taxes.

Furthermore, it's almost essential to produce a plan, find a way to pay for it, then squeeze it through the Legislature before Dec. 31.

Tick, tick, tick

According to the state constitution, anything the Legislature passes and Engler signs before

the end of 1993 will go into effect early next year. But new laws that get passed in 1994 can't go into effect until 1995 unless they pass by a super majority; something no one expects to get on the school funding issue.

School districts are permitted to collect property taxes through August 1994, so the 1993-94 school year is safe, but after that there's no money for them until Lansing wrings it out of us with new taxes.

Asked what sort of new taxes he recommends, Engler changed the subject to what form the new education system will take. Build the system, then find a way to pay for it, he said.

"It's the real concern to get the best return on our investment? If we just keep the focus on the kids we're doing the right thing."

When pressed, Engler said that voters will "likely" be asked to approve a sales tax increase, but he doesn't believe we need to replace school funding on a dollar-

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D-Southfield

for-dollar basis. With the state holding the purse, he said, the cost of education will drop.

As an example, Engler said the state could get a better deal on health insurance for school employees than each district can get for itself.

No way, Jose

State Rep. Justice Barns, D-Westland, said Engler is wrong. The additional cost to the state of administering everything will outweigh any savings, she said. "To me it's just more bureaucracy."

Regarding the system he hopes to create, Engler said it's a virtual guarantee that parents will be permitted to enroll their kids in any public school district they

want to. Whatever amount of money Lansing decides to spend per student would follow each kid around to whatever school he or she attends.

"The school has no right to hold onto that kid and keep him a captive," Engler said.

But Barns and state Rep. Max-

ine Berman, D-Southfield, don't think the House will go along with that. Berman called Engler's assumption "extraordinarily presumptuous," and noted that a similar Engler idea has already been defeated in the House.

"No one here (in Lansing) has talked about schools of choice being a sure thing," Berman said.

Barns contended that Engler's plan would create an "elitist system" where only well-to-do folks could afford to send their offspring to schools outside the district they occupy.

Guns & monkeys

Barns and Berman also object to the time limit Lansing has set, without their votes, to create a new school system.

Barns characterized the deadline as "a gun to our head," and Berman called it a "monkey on our back."

Engler's main interest is in seeing that competition for students between school districts will compel districts that lose students to improve the quality of the educa-

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