



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Committee Name Budget and Finance

Date September 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Long-term Lease of Space in Lansing – Child Development Lab

Information

Review

Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to negotiate and enter into a lease for space in the City of Lansing for a long-term lease and upon such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the President or designee.

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a lease for space in the City of Lansing for the purposes of establishing a Child Development Laboratory.

Prior Action by BOT: Not applicable

Responsible Officers: Thomas Jeitschko, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Barbara Kranz, Assistant Provost, Institutional Space Planning and Management

Brent Donnellan, Dean, College of Social Science

Daniel Bollman, Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

Summary:

- The Child Development Lab (CDL) received \$2,187,500 in congressional funding to expand CDL facilities and outreach, as well as State of Michigan SFY26 \$2,000,000 appropriation.
- The property in the City of Lansing meets criteria for location, size, and space plan/build-out to meet the programmatic needs of the CDL and serve the Lansing community.

Background Information:

Michigan State University's Child Development Laboratory is a function within the College of Social Science/Department of Human Development and Family Studies. The CDL is open to the public, offering full-day preschool programs for children ages birth to kindergarten. The CDL mission includes:

- Outstanding service to children and their families (community outreach).
- Exemplary setting for training undergraduate and graduate students in early childhood education best practices (university teaching).
- Research laboratory for MSU faculty and students (research).
- Networking and outreach to other early childhood professionals (professional outreach).

The CDL currently has sites in East Lansing and Haslett. Congressional funding was sought to start a CDL in Lansing, Michigan to respond to demand for quality care for children ages birth to kindergarten. The Lansing site would help children most at risk within the community and provide capacity to educate additional teachers, in response to the state-wide teacher shortage. The Lansing site will create opportunities for community outreach and engagement, support local economic development, and increase MSU presence in the City of Lansing.

The authorization of this resolution will allow MSU to lease space for the Child Development Lab in the City of Lansing. It is anticipated that the lease will be for approximately 15,000 square feet. The lease costs will be funded by a combination of external, College of Social Science, Department of Human Development and Family Studies/Child Development Lab, Provost and other potential grant funds.