



Unlock 31aa Funds to Create Healing-Centered, Trauma-Informed Schools

Michigan is making a historic investment in student mental health and well-being. Through Section 31aa of the 2025–2026 School Aid Act, **over \$321 million** in funding is available to help districts create safer, more supportive learning environments.

The St. Clair Butterfly Foundation (SCBF) stands ready to help your district maximize these funds through our neuroscience-backed, SEL-aligned, trauma-informed programming—designed not just to manage student behavior, but to *heal the trauma underneath it*.

Why Work with SCBF?

We're not a tech dashboard. We're something more powerful: a healing partner rooted in science, story, and proven results.

Our Trauma Toolkit and Butterfly Labyrinth programs integrate:

- Evidence-based trauma training for educators
- Social-emotional learning (CASEL-aligned)
- Expressive arts (art, music, writing, movement, gardening)
- Strategies to reduce aggressive behaviors, suspensions, and emotional dysregulation
- On-demand LMS for sustainability and staff retention

How SCBF Aligns with Section 31aa Allowable Uses

Section 31aa allows funding for programs that address:

- **Mental Health & SEL:** SCBF's expressive arts and educator training support student regulation, resilience, and connection.
- **Suicide Prevention:** Our LMS includes resources, prompts, and staff training to identify and address early warning signs.
- **School Safety:** SCBF helps create emotionally safe, inclusive classrooms that lower conflict and foster trust.
- **Training for Staff:** All SCBF programs include trauma-informed professional development.
- **Collaborative Models:** Our work with schools, families, and community agencies supports 31aa's goal of cross-sector alignment.

Key 31aa Timeline for Per-Pupil Funds (Subsection 2)

- **Opt-In Window:** Oct 24–Nov 30, 2025
(We recommend completing by Nov 17 to avoid delays)
- **Funds Disbursed:** By Dec 31, 2025
- **Final Spending Deadline:** Sept 30, 2026
- **Reporting Due:** July 1, 2026

SCBF will provide documentation, outcomes data, and training certificates to support your reporting.

SCBF's Proven Impact

- **100% graduation rate** in participating schools
- **90% reduction in aggressive behaviors**
- **80% drop in suspensions**
- **GPA increase of 0.8 points on average**
- **Up to 80% improvement in teacher satisfaction**

Our programming is designed for lasting transformation, building capacity across schools, staff, and students.

Next Steps: Let's Make a Plan Together

We can:

- Help your team align 31aa funding with SCBF programs
- Provide a simple plan for implementation and documentation
- Support both schoolwide integration and tiered interventions
- Customize programming based on your district's goals

Let's connect and build a healing-centered partnership that puts students, and their stories, at the heart of school safety.