



Upcoming Events

LWVGTA Forum: BATA Millage Ballot Proposal

Thursday, April 13, 7-8:30pm

[Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Dr.](#)

Representatives from the Bay Area Transportation Authority, the business community, and BATA users will be participating in a League sponsored public forum. BATA's current millage rate is .3447 mills, and the proposal is for .5 mills which will mean a .1553 mill increase. The change would begin January 2018 and last until December 2022. Grand Traverse and Leelanau County residents will vote on this ballot proposal on May 2, 2017.

April 19th: Deadline to Register for the LWVMI Convention

Grand Traverse Countywide Special Election

Tuesday, May 2, 7am-8pm

[View the official list of proposals.](#)

LWVGTA Annual Meeting Saturday, May 13, 9:30am



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LWVMI 2017 Convention

Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21

This year's convention at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing promises to be informative, productive, and fun. State Convention provides an opportunity to conduct important business, as well as an opportunity to participate in workshops, learn more about the League, and renew friendships with League members across the state.

Delegates will:

- Adopt the 2017 - 2019 state program, including any state studies
- Adopt the LWVMI budgets for the next two years, including the per-member-payment
- Elect LWVMI Officers and members of the Board of Directors
- Consider Amendments to the LWVMI Bylaws, if proposed

A detailed schedule of events, registration packet, and other Convention documents will be sent to all Leagues via future e-mailings and will be available on the website.



The Goal: Become a Top Ten Education State (From the LWV-MI)

The Education Trust-Midwest, a nonpartisan research and advocacy organization, has published their 2016 Michigan State of Education Report. Titled "Michigan's Talent Crisis: The Economic Case for Rebuilding Michigan's Broken Public Education System," the report deals with steps to

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APRIL 25, 2017
IS EQUAL PAY DAY**

[Michigan Equal Pay](#)

[Legislative Day & Rally](#)

April 25, 2017

Tue 9:30 AM · Lansing Capitol
Building · Lansing



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weakest in the country and getting worse. In a little more than a decade, Michigan has gone from being a fairly average state in elementary reading and math achievement to one of the bottom 10 states.

[Read the full report here.](#)



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