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Michigan public schools have gone a long way since the little red schoolhouse of grandfather's time. Michigan State aid to school districts and teacher's retirement funds will be approximately \$140 million during the 1949-50 school year. Local taxes will provide an additional \$75 million for operating purposes, giving an average \$215 for each of the 1,050,000 children now enrolled. Private and parochial enrollment is expected to exceed 200,000. Most of the increase in enrollment will be in the elementary grades since high school enrollments have been approximately stable for the last five years reflecting the baby boom after the ending of WWII. Furthermore, teacher's salaries are expected to reach an average of \$3,400 per year, an increase of \$200 over last year.

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