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BH school board meeting today

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor school board will have a special meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Central Administration Building, 636 Pipestone St., to consider a resolution for a five-year deficit elimination plan.

Superintendent Leonard Seawood previously told school board members the plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury by Friday as part of its request for a \$1.4 million loan from the state's emergency loan fund. He said the loan is needed so the school district can finish its fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The school board signed a consent agreement with the state after Gov. Rick Snyder declared the district to be in

a financial emergency in August, citing the district's \$15.5 million debt as one of the main reasons.

The state's emergency loan fund is running out of money, with only \$1.5 million left and multiple school districts asking for it. The state legislature is considering a proposal to increase the amount of money in the fund.

Human trafficking team meets Monday

LAWRENCE — State Sen. Judy Emmons will address the Southwest Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force meeting Monday at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St. in Lawrence, the task force announced.

The meeting is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Emmons, R-Sheridan, has been working with survivors of human

trafficking to craft legislation to stop the crime, according to the Senate GOP website.

Session set for LMC president hopeful

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College trustees will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday to let staff, students, faculty and the public to meet candidate for president Clinton Gabbard, LMC announced.

The event is at LMC's Mendel Center. Gabbard is LMC's vice president of student services. He will answer questions submitted to board Chairwoman Mary Jo Tomasini.

This is not a formal interview.

President Robert Harrison is retiring Dec. 31.