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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Report on Request for Consolidation of Atherton Community Schools, Bendle Public Schools, and Bentley Community Schools

In July the Office of the Superintendent received a communication from Thomas Svitkovich, Superintendent, Genesee Intermediate School District, regarding a request from the Boards of the Atherton Community Schools, Bendle Public Schools, and Bentley Community Schools, to consider consolidation of three school districts.

Section 380.852 of the Revised School Code allows for local school boards to initiate proceedings for consolidation. Executive Order 1996-12 transferred the approval authority from the State Board to the Superintendent.

In July I approved the election plans for Atherton Community Schools, Bendle Public Schools, and Bentley Community Schools to consolidate into one school district. In order for the consolidation request to become effective, it will require an affirmative vote of the electors in all three school districts.

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