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September 26, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO State Board of Education
FROM Mike Flanagan, Chairman 
SUBJECT Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, as amended in 2004, requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

In May 2005, the Board approved nominations to the SEAC. Since that time, two at-large members have resigned their appointments. Attachment A identifies two individuals to fill these vacancies. Their biographical resumes are included in Attachment B.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum of September 26, 2005, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and
their Respective Terms of Service
(9/2005)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
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Michael Yocum	Member At-large	July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006
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Note: Replacement for Dodie Raycroft. This vacant seat expires in June 2006. Mr. Yocum may be offered a full 3-year SEAC term next year.

Michael Beach*	Member At-large	July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2008
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Note: Replacement for Sarah Smith

*Person or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Biographical Resumés

Biographical Resume

Nomination for Special Education Advisory Committee
Name Michael Yocum
Address 126 North Connecticut, Royal Oak, MI 48067
Present Position Director, Learning Services, Oakland Schools
Business Address 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328
Telephone (248) 209-2037

Category

- Organization
- Citizen
- Other
- Board Member's Nominee

Race: Caucasian

Gender: Male

Prior Experience

Social Studies Education Consultant, Oakland Schools, 1988-2000; Executive Director, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, 1992-1999; Adjunct Professor Teacher Education, Oakland University, 1997-present; High School Teacher in Saginaw and Kalamazoo

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; National Council for the Social Studies; Michigan Council for the Social Studies; Michigan Staff Development Council; Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning

Federal legislation requires that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of persons with a disability." To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition.

Yes No X

Biographical Resume

Nomination for Special Education Advisory Committee

Name Michael Beach

Address 1102 Barton Street, Otsego, MI 49078

Present Position Financial Advisor, and Parent

Business Address Beach and Company Inc.
3225 Walker Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Telephone (616) 784-9582

Category

- Organization
- Citizen
- Other
- Board Member's Nominee

Race: Caucasian

Gender: Male

Prior Experience: See attached

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: See attached

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Yes X No

Michael Beach

Prior Experience – Educational & Other Affiliations

- **Professional Development Collaborative**
- **LICC Board Member** (Local Interagency Coordinating Council)
- **PAC Member & Chair** (Parent Advisory Committee)
- **Allegan Resource Center Board Member**
- **State-wide presenter & keynote speaker – 7 ISD's – Two Universities**
 Topic: Parenting a child with special needs.
- **Special Education Recognition Awards Chair & event planner.**
- **City-wide special education, PR event, organizer.**
- **Millage support volunteer.**
- **Commencement Key Note Speaker**
- **Special Education Fund Raiser**
- **Surrogate Parent**
- **Classroom Volunteer**