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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week

The State Board of Education is being asked to approve a resolution declaring October 15-21, 2006, as Michigan School Bus Safety Week.

Each school day, over 17,000 dedicated bus drivers supported by transportation directors, mechanics, aides, and secretaries provide safe transport to more than 850,000 Michigan students. The yellow school bus is an icon of safe transportation staffed by drivers who take a personal interest in each student. School bus drivers are the first and last school employees students see each day. They help begin a productive school day with a smile, and deliver the students back to their parents in the evening. School bus drivers and transportation support staff are an important contributor to each school district's learning program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week, October 15-21, 2006, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 30, 2006.

Attachment

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**Michigan School Bus Safety Week
October 15-21, 2006**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that the importance of protecting the safety of Michigan's school children extends beyond the classroom walls and the school building; and

WHEREAS, the Board has great respect for the accomplishments of Michigan's school bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and all school transportation personnel in providing the safest transportation possible for children to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, each day over 17,000 Michigan school bus drivers transport more than 850,000 students, traveling over 10 million miles annually on almost 17,000 buses; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the countless routes over so many miles, and supervising the dozens of students on each vehicle, requires an outstanding effort put forth by thousands of exemplary professionals who have devoted their careers to transporting our children safely; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to recognize and to take great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the challenge of school transportation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of October 15-21, 2006, be designated as Michigan School Bus Safety Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's school buses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school buses.