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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Michael P. 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).

The terms of thirteen organizational representatives and three at-large members will expire on June 30, 2006. At its March 2006 meeting, members of the State Board of Education received information concerning the membership terms and were asked to submit nominations for the at-large vacancies. Organizations were also notified of the need to receive their nominations.

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of individuals nominated to fill the at-large and organizational membership vacancies and describes the respective terms each will serve, if approved for appointment. The biographical resumes of those persons nominated are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum of April 24, 2006, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

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**ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Acronym</u>
1. American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2. The Arc Michigan	Arc
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education	CAUSE
5. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
6. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
7. Michigan Assn. for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
8. Michigan Assn. for Supervision and Curriculum Development*	MASCD
9. Michigan Assn. of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
10. Michigan Assn. of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
11. Michigan Assn. of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
12. Michigan Assn. of Learning Disabilities Educators	MALDE
13. Michigan Assn of Local Special Ed. Administrators	MALSEA+
14. Michigan Assn. of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATEDC
15. Michigan Assn. of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
16. Michigan Assn. of Public School Academies	MAPSA
17. Michigan Assn. of School Administrators	MASA
18. Michigan Assn. of School Boards	MASB
19. Michigan Assn. of School Social Workers	MASSW
20. Michigan Assn. of School Psychologists	MASP
21. Michigan Assn. of Secondary School Principals*	MASSP
22. Michigan Education Association	MEA
23. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
24. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
25. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

(In addition to the organizational seats, eight at-large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education.)

Jane Scarlett is recommended to represent the homeless per IDEA 2004 (McKinney – Vento Act) as a new Ex-Officio Member.

+Previously known as Special Education Supervisors of Michigan (SESOM)

*Organizations recommended by the SEAC but not yet approved by the Board of Education

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and
their Respective Terms of Service
(4/2006)**

Name	Representing	Length of Term
Jean Christenson*	Member At-large	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009
¹ Michael Beach*	Member At-large	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009
Debbie Squires*	Member At-large	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009
Susan Steinbacher	AFTMi	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008
Maggie Kolk*	Arc	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008
Shari Krishnan*	ASM	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008
Julie Daggett-Lawrence*	CAUSE	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009
Chuck Stockwell	MAPSA	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Doris Higgs*	MACED	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
³ Jeff Siegel	MAISA	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
² Cindy Anderson	MAISEA	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008
³ Paul Kubicek	MALDE	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Lynda Jackson*	MASB	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Christopher J. Korbel*	MEA	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Jonelle Gillette*	MSLHA	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Tina Densmore*	SPAC	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009
Jane Scarlett	Ex-Officio	July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009

¹ Served one previous year on the SEAC² Served two previous years on the SEAC³ Served three previous years on the SEAC

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

Attachment C

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Biographical Resumés

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: Jean Christenson *

Term: 3 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009)

**Address: 10744 Edington
Livonia, MI 48150**

Present Position:

Business Telephone: 734-664-0682

**Category — Organization:
X SEAC At-large Member**

**Race: Caucasian Gender: Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)**

**Prior Experience:
Chairperson-Livonia Parent Advisory Committee, Chair-elect Wayne County Parent
Advisory Committee**

**Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:
Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee, NTSA, CAUSE, LDA, Livonia PAC, Western
Wayne Transition Council, IDEA Partnership**

Education:

Miscellaneous Information:

* = Parent of or person with a disability

Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education

Name: Michael Beach *
Address: 1102 Barton Street
Otsego, MI 49078

Term: 3 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009)

Present Position:

Business Telephone: (616) 784-9582

Category — Organization:
X SEAC At-large Member

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Male
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Education

BA - Saginaw Valley State University
MA and Specialist in Psychological Services - Central Michigan University
Ongoing educational leadership classes - Western Michigan University

Miscellaneous Information:

Allegan Resource Center Board Member. Professional Development Collaborative.
State-wide presenter & keynote speaker - 7 ISD's - Two Universities, Topic: Parenting a child with special needs. City-wide special education, PR event, organizer. Commencement Key Note Speaker. Special Education Fund Raiser. LICC Board Member. PAC Member and Chair.

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Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate — no alternate 5
 New alternate: Name n/a

Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education

Name: Susan Steinbacher **Term:** 2 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008)

Address: Fountain Elementary
Roseville Community Schools
16850 Wellington
Roseville, MI 48066

Present Position: Speech Pathologist

Business Telephone: (586) 445-5765

Category — X Organization: American Federation of Teachers Michigan
SEAC At-large Member

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

I have been a speech pathologist for almost 15 years in various settings; the last five years have been for Roseville Schools.

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:
American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA)

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Michigan State University; Master of Arts, Wayne State University

Miscellaneous Information:

I am interested and involved in educational issues that affect special education.

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Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate — Ginny Palubin** 7
 New alternate: Name Ginny Palubin

Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education

Name: Maggie Kolk * **Term:** 2 year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008)
Address: The Arc Kent County
1331 Lake Drive SE, Ste 2
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Present Position: Advocate

Business Telephone: (616) 459-3339

Category — X **Organization:** The Arc Michigan
SEAC At-large Member

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Current alternate - Position on Arc Michigan Education Committee and Governmental Affairs Committee, Local Advocate

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:
Parent of a 17-year-old child with a disability

Education

Miscellaneous Information:

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

Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate —
 New alternate: Name Maggie Kolk

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Shari Krishnan ***

Term: **2 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008)**

Address: **1550 Brandywine
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304**

Present Position:

Business Telephone:

Category — **X Organization: Autism Society of Michigan
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: **Caucasian** Gender: **Female**
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

**Previous service on the SEAC; Oakland ISD PAC Chair; Comptroller; Marketing
Manager**

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Education:

**Associates Degree - Nursing; BS Degree - Nursing; Masters Degree - Humanities; Howard
School of Broadcasting Arts; ET Nursing at Cleveland Center**

Miscellaneous Information:

Parent of son who has autism

* = Parent of or person with a disability

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: Julie Daggett-Lawrence* **Term:** 3 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009)
Address: CAUSE
6412 Centurion Drive, Suite 130
Lansing, MI 48917

Present Position: CAUSE Information and Referral Specialist

Business Telephone: (517) 886-9167

Category — X Organization: Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education
SEAC At-large Member

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

SEAC Alternate for CAUSE - 2004-05 and 2005-06; Supporting Student Behavior Committee member; Parent Involvement Committee member; Parent of 4 children, 2 with IEPs, 1 with 504 plan

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

PTA & PTO member; Local district PAC member; School Improvement Committee member; CAUSE member

Education

BA, Western Michigan University - major in Psychology, minor in Social Work; Associates Degree, Lake Superior State University - Early Childhood Education

Miscellaneous Information:

Attend many conferences and workshops for current information; parent of a child with disabilities

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Organization Alternate Nominee

Keep present alternate — 10
 New alternate: Name

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Chuck Stockwell**

Term: **1 year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**

Address: **CS Partners**

**10051 E. Highland Road, Suite 29-360
Howell, MI 48843**

Present Position: **President, CS Partners**

Business Telephone: **(810) 494-4348**

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Association of Public School Academies
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: **Caucasian**

Gender: **Male**

(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Special ed. teaching assistant, special ed. teacher, teacher consultant for emotionally impaired, learning and adjustment specials, President of Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED) , etc.

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

**Smart Schools Management (founder and CEO)
CS Partners**

Education:

BA in elementary education - Antioch College; SE teacher certification - Temple University; MA in learning disabilities and ed. administration - Michigan State University; advanced graduate work in ed. administration - Wayne State University

Miscellaneous Information:

* = Parent of or person with a disability

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: Doris Higgs *

Term: 1 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)

**Address: 5014 Townsend St.
Detroit, MI 48213**

Present Position: Parent

Business Telephone

**Category — X Organization: Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: African American

Gender: Female

(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Mother of two children with special needs and special education certification. One child is 19 years old and the other is 16 years old and is certified as suffering from an emotional impairment. Ms. Higgs has extensive experience advocating for her children in the IEP context.

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Advocacy training through CAUSE and Druscilla Daniels of CHADD

Education

Miscellaneous Information

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Organization Alternate Nominee

Keep present alternate — Susan McParland

New alternate: Name

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Jeff Siegel** Term: **1 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**
Address: **Superintendent
Berrien County Intermediate School District
711 St. Joseph Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103**

Present Position: **Superintendent**

Business Telephone: **(269) 471-7725**

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Assn. of Intermediate School Administrators
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: **Caucasian** Gender: **Male**
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

**Berrien Co. ISD: 2002-Present, Superintendent; 1997-2002, Director of Special Education;
1987-97, Assistant Director of Special Education; 1980-87, Supervisor of Diagnostic Services;
1973-80, School Psychologist**

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

**Michigan Assn of Intermediate School Administrators, Michigan Assn of School
Administrators, Council for Exceptional Children**

Education

**1973 - CMU, Specialist Degree, School Psychological Services; 1973 - CMU, Master's Degree,
Psychology; 1971 - Adelphi University, NY, Bachelor's Degree, Psychology**

Miscellaneous Information:

1999 Murray O. Batten Award presented by MAISEA

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Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate — **Don Spencer** 13
 New alternate: Name **Don Spencer**

Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education

Name: **Cindy Anderson** Term: **2 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008)**

Address: **Ingham Intermediate School District**
Thorburn Education Center
2630 West Howell Road
Mason, MI 48854

Present Position: **Director of Special Education**

Business Telephone: **(517) 244-1425**

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Assn. of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators**
SEAC At-large Member

Race: **Caucasian** Gender: **Female**
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

2002-Present - Director of Special Education, Ingham ISD
1998-2002 - Supervisor of Special Education, Ingham ISD
1991-97 - Special Education Supervisor, Shiawasse RESD

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

MAASE, CEC, MALDE, National Association for the Education of Young Children

Education

Bachelors from Grand Valley State - Elementary Education with special education
endorsements (HI, EI, LD)
Masters from Grand Valley State - Special Education Administration

Miscellaneous Information:

Participated in CIMP Steering Cmte
Mi Div of Early Childhood President (affiliated with CEC)
Early On and Project Find Coordinator

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Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate — Sharon Melko 14
 New alternate: Name Sharon Sharon Melko

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Paul Kubicek**

Term: **1 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**

Address: **15843 Brucker**

Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present Position:

Business Telephone: **(616) 997-3303**

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Assn. of Learning Disabilities Educators
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: **Caucasian**

Gender: **Male**

(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

**MALDE President and Member at-large; MATEDC Liaison for MALDE; Ottawa ISD
traumatic brain injury group**

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

**MEA; NEA; Coopersville Education Assn; MALDE; Michigan Assn of School Psychologists;
Michigan Assn of EI Teachers; CEC**

Education

Ed Specialist - CMU; BS, Psychologist - Grand Valley

Miscellaneous Information:

**Church activities; guest instructor at Hope College; Love and Logic Program trainer, teacher
and parent groups**

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Organization Alternate Nominee

Keep present alternate — Sheri Kraft

New alternate: Name none appointed

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Lynda Jackson ***

Term: **1 year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**

Address: **Ecorse Public Schools**

4024 W. Jefferson

Ecorse, MI 48229

Present Position: Ecorse Public School Board of Education

Business Telephone:

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Association of School Boards**
SEAC At-large Member

Race: **African-American** Gender: **Female**
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Member of the Ecorse Public School Board of Education since 1995; MASB Board of Directors from 2001-2003

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

See above

Education:

Miscellaneous Information:

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**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: **Christopher Korbel ***

Term: **1 year (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**

Address: **880 Parsons Road
Traverse City, MI 49686**

Present Position: **Teacher, Information Technology Academy, TBA Career-Tech Center**

Business Telephone: **(231) 922-6356**

Category — **X Organization: Michigan Education Association (MEA)
SEAC At-large Member**

Race: **Caucasian** Gender: **Male**
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:
Has been employed by TBAISD his entire career

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

**Association for Career and Technical Education, life member; Michigan Business
Education Association; Michigan Education Association; National Education Association,
ASCD, NCBEA**

Education:

Miscellaneous Information:

* = Parent of or person with a disability

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: Jonelle Gillette * **Term 1 Year:** July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Address: Ann Arbor Public Schools
Logal Elementary School
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Present Position: Speech & Language Pathologist

Business Telephone: (734) 994-1807

Category — X Organization: Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association
SEAC At-large Member

Race: Caucasian **Gender:** Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Past board member of the Developmental Disabilities Council and the Statewide Independent Living Council. Managed numerous campaigns from the State and local levels. I have a 17-year-old son that has been diagnosed with ADHD and Dyslexia.

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

MEA; AAEA; American Speech and Hearing Association; MSHA

Education

Master of Arts in Speech Pathology, December 1983; Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology, May 1982; 30-hour Countinuing Teaching Certificate, K-8, all specialized; Certificate of Clincial Competence, American Speech & Hearing Association

Miscellaneous Information:

I am delighted and look forward to being involved on this committee. It is my hope to make a difference in the lives of special education students statewide.

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Organization Alternate Nominee

- Keep present alternate — Sue Rabidoux
 New alternate: Name Sue Rabidoux

**Biographical Resumé: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Name: Tina Densmore *

Term: 3 years (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009)

**Address: 10480 Nelson Road
Portland, MI 48875**

Present Position: SPAC Secretary

Business Telephone: 517-322-5310

**Category — X Organization: Statewide Parent Advisory Committee
SEAC At-large Member**

**Race: Caucasian Gender: Female
(Requested in order to obtain diverse representation)**

**Prior Experience:
PAC Chair - Ionia; Vice-Chair PAC**

**Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:
Curriculum Committee - Ionia ISD; CIMS Portland School District; IDEA Core Planning
Team; Dispute Resolution**

Education:

Miscellaneous Information:

*** = Parent of or person with a disability**

