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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mr. Dan Schab, 2005-2006 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights

- First Year Teacher Workshop, Clinton County RESA
 - The title of the presentation was "Working with Parents throughout the School Year."
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 2
- Workshops for Math Teachers, Northern Michigan University Fall Educators' Conference
 - The title of the workshop was "Problem and Project-Based Learning in High School Mathematics."
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3
- Student Teacher Presentation, FIRE-UP Conference, Aquinas College
 - Delivered the keynote speech to 600 student teachers from Aquinas College, Calvin College, Central Michigan University, Cornerstone University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University.
 - The focus of the speech was on the importance of teaching and what makes a great teacher.
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 3
- Visit to Forest Hills Public Schools, Grand Rapids
 - Visited classrooms to observe ways new technologies are being used in mathematics classrooms.
 - Met with the chairpersons of the middle school math department and discussed curriculum design, assessments, and effective teaching strategies.
 - Team taught an algebra lesson with a novice teacher.
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3

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- First Year Teacher Workshop, Eaton Intermediate School District
 - The title of the presentation was “Working with Parents throughout the School Year.”
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 2
- Presentation at High School Reform Meeting, Williamston Community Schools
 - Informed teachers and administrators about the high school reform movement and the implications for Williamston Community Schools.
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 1
- Speech at Michigan Association of School Boards Fall Conference, Lansing
 - The focus of the speech was on how school boards can best support teachers to become exceptional instructional leaders.
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 3
- Keynote speech at National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Williamston High School
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objective 2
- Network of Michigan Educators Steering Committee
 - The Network continues to make plans for the third annual Conference and Recognition Banquet, “Connections for Action,” at the Lansing Radisson Hotel on December 8/9, 2005
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3
- Upper Peninsula Reading Conference Banquet
 - Met with teachers and administrators from Northern Michigan University and Marquette area schools.
 - ▶ SBE/MDE Strategic Plan – Objectives 1 and 3
- Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
- Secondary-Postsecondary Transition Task Force Meeting, Department of Education
- Meeting with School Improvement Field Services Director and Consultants
- Appearance on Representative Gretchen Whitmer’s cable television show
- State Board of Education Meeting