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TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

Thoughts on the Michigan Teacher of the Year Award (MTOY)

I am very grateful for everyone who was involved in the planning of the MTOY Award Announcement at my school. My Dean, Mr. Allen Beckner, did a wonderful job planning the event. I am also very appreciative of my colleagues and the students from the Visual Imaging Cluster who created all the wonderful signs, the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Cluster who provided the punch and cookies/pastry reception, and the Biotechnology and Environmental Science Cluster for the beautiful flower arrangements. Being able to share this award with my students, family, and friends was very special! I also want to thank all those from the State Board of Education (SBE) who made the June SBE meeting a very memorable moment for me and my family. As I reflect back to the award announcement in May, it has been just an amazing journey thus far and it really has just started! Finally, I would like to thank Matinga Ragatz and all the other MTOYs who have been so welcoming and extremely helpful in preparing me for the upcoming year. I am truly honored to represent all the outstanding teachers in Michigan and I am looking forward to what I believe will be the best year of professional development that I have experienced in my educational career.

On Campus at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast (OSTC-SE)

The Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology (BMMT) students in my program finished the year on a very strong note. The focus of Career and Technical Education is to prepare students to be College and Career ready. Within our program, many of the career option areas lead to business and industry national certifications. The types of certifications that students are able to earn in the Information Technology area include:

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CompTIA A+ (PC Trouble Shooting and Repair), CompTIA Network+, IC3/GS3 (Internet and Computer Core Certification). In the Business area, students earned Microsoft Office 2007 certifications, along with National Certifications in Customer Service and Sales. For the 2010-2011 school year, over 190 national certifications were earned by BMMT students at the OSTC-SE. These numbers are reflective of the number of certifications earned by BMMT students at our other three campuses. We also had several students earn direct college credit at Macomb Community College via online courses through our Entrepreneurship program and articulated credit at Oakland Community College. Last year, we had five students earn their A+ and Network+ certification and earn 24 free articulated credits toward their Associates Degree at Oakland Community College after completing two years in our BMMT program.

Oakland Schools ISD

Since early spring, I have been a member of a committee charged with meeting the legislative requirements regarding teacher evaluation and student performance. Our committee has successfully completed an online evaluation instrument for all staff that will collect and provide the required data and information to evaluate teachers regarding student achievement. Our instrument provides student achievement measured by multiple data points. In early August, we had professional development training for administration regarding the implementation of this evaluation instrument. We also updated our Work Habits Evaluation instrument used by our instructors. The purpose of this tool is to be a student assessment model that addresses student academic, cognitive, and metacognitive skills. This development included an online work habits application that assesses student work habits, reports results, and communicates information to students and parents.

Summer 2011

As co-founder and high school coordinator of America's Marketing High School (AMHS) (www.americasmarketinghighschool.org), the summer is always a time of updating our curriculum. AMHS is a national educational leader in providing FREE online business and marketing curricula. Our curricula are focused on business, marketing, advertising, sports and entertainment, and entrepreneurship. All of our materials are contemporary and imperially based. AMHS believes in a "paint by numbers" approach to teaching and learning. In other words, we use data to help explain the world in which we live and work. Our curricular components include weekly podcasts, over 20 vodcasts, or video lecture modules, are available and the collection continues to grow. Co-founder Professor Mike Bernacchi annually produces between 60 and 80 "Under the Mike-roscope" newsletters that are utilized by teachers, students and the media. AMHS also provides students with a "voice" in contemporary, economic, and societal issues by our student surveys.

Our AMHS materials bring the impact of business, marketing, advertising, and entrepreneurialism to life in classrooms across the United States. AMHS is also a proud contributor of curricular materials to iTunes U K-12. Our coursework includes a capstone project based on America's grandest marketing and advertising event, the Super Bowl. All the podcasts and vodcasts have supporting classroom materials and teacher resource guides based on national business educational standards and are easily utilized in the "flipped classroom" delivery model.

AMHS exists to serve high school teachers and students by providing curriculum and supporting materials to be utilized in classrooms across the United States. AMHS's partners include secondary education represented by Oakland Schools, post-secondary education represented by the University of Detroit Mercy, and business and industry represented by Immersive Engineering. The goal is to expand educational opportunities for students and provide future work opportunities. AMHS was just recently nominated for "Educational Program of the Year" for the 11th Annual Automation Alley Awards Gala.

As MTOY

My first month as MTOY has been fantastic. In June, I attended the "Network of Michigan Educators" Steering Committee meeting and we discussed preparations for the annual conference. In July, we had our "Passing of the Torch" event hosted by MTOY 2002-2003, Susan Gutierrez. It was wonderful to meet all of MTOYs and be associated with such a fantastic group of educators! The honor of MTOY has allowed me to provide input in other endeavors as well. This past July, I was selected to serve on a committee to help select outstanding secondary educators from across Michigan, recognizing the quality of their teaching, their professional leadership, and their potential for greater contribution to the healthy development of the children they serve. It was wonderful to be a part of the process to bring such recognition and public attention to the importance of excellent educators.

I have several speaking engagements scheduled for the start of the school year. I will be providing the keynote address for the "2011 CTE Teacher Academy" hosted in Lansing on October 3rd and 4th. On November 1st I will be speaking with CTE teachers at the Monroe ISD county-wide in-service day. In early April 2012, Professor Bernacchi and I have been asked to provide a three hour professional development session at the National Business Education Conference (NBEA) hosted in Boston. I am truly looking forward to these wonderful opportunities to meet and learn from not only educators across Michigan, but the United States as well.