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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman *Mike*

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Learn and Serve Challenge Week

Attached is a draft resolution regarding Learn and Serve Challenge Week to recognize and commend service-learning efforts throughout K-12 education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Learn and Serve Challenge Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 27, 2007.

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RESOLUTION

Learn and Serve Challenge Week September 17-23, 2007

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education reaffirms the fundamental role of K-12 education in preparing each generation for active, informed citizenship; and

WHEREAS, service-learning is a valuable tool that addresses the long-term goals of quality student academic achievement, workforce readiness, safe and secure learning environments, and a strengthened democracy and civil society; and

WHEREAS, service-learning provides students exposure to critical community needs and challenges them to use critical thinking and problem solving skills to seek solutions to those issues; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and respects the exemplary accomplishments of more than 1,500 Michigan's teachers who regularly engage their students in rigorous and relevant learning through service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board commends the more than 47,000 Michigan K-12 students who provided more than one million hours of service-learning in 2006; and

WHEREAS, September 17-23, 2007 has been designated nationally as a week to recognize and commend service-learning efforts throughout K-12 education; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of September 17-23, 2007 be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the civic and academic engagement of Michigan's K-12 students; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the week of September 17-23, 2007, be designated as Learn and Serve Challenge Week in Michigan.