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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Michigan School Support
Person of the Year

A resolution honoring the 2007-2008 Michigan School Support Person of the Year is attached for the Board's consideration.

The resolution will be presented to the 2007-2008 Michigan School Support Person of the Year, Mr. Mel Sledzinski of the Troy Public Schools, at the May 13, 2008 State Board of Education meeting. The four state-level finalists will also be introduced. The state-level finalists are:

Ms. Julie Bucklin, Branch ISD (Coldwater High School)
Ms. Sheri Curtice-Wills, Gwinn Area Community Schools
Ms. Janice Havens, Traverse City Area Public Schools
Ms. Peggy McConnell, Avondale School District

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**RESOLUTION IN HONOR
OF THE
MICHIGAN SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, school support persons are one of our schools' most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education believes that public recognition and acknowledgment of Michigan's school support staff is extremely important; and

WHEREAS, school support staff members around the state, often without any fanfare or daily recognition, work tirelessly to ensure that their customers are served in a courteous manner; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education, have continued to support ways that increase the profile of its outstanding professional support staff, through the creation of the Michigan School Support Person of the Year Award program; and

WHEREAS, school support staff add to the credibility of Michigan schools, through their accomplished expertise and high quality work; and

WHEREAS, providing for the recognition of staff leads to higher morale and a healthy workplace; and

WHEREAS, Mel Sledzinski, Head Custodian at the Ruth Wass Elementary School in the Troy Public Schools, has been named by the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education as the 2007-2008 Michigan School Support Person of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to school support staff so that they may continue to be productive, happy, and healthy workers and contributors to the continued success of education in Michigan.