



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

May 26, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2015-2016
Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Rick Joseph, who represented Michigan teachers during the 2015-2016 school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2016, honoring the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION

Rick Joseph

2015-2016 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois-Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph is a National Board Certified Teacher and has been a fifth/sixth grade teacher at Covington School in the Birmingham Public School District since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Rick Joseph as the 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph is known for his innovations in classroom teaching, instructional technology, and professional contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph focuses on priorities of equality inside and outside of the classroom, balanced literacy and job embedded professional learning; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph has recognized the importance of student engagement and student challenges throughout his tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year and has never lost interest, his enthusiasm, and his total commitment to the ideals of education; and

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph has and will continue to make outstanding contributions to students and teachers in order to help build a better future for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rick Joseph and the thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 14, 2016

John C. Austin, President

Brian J. Whiston, Chairman and
State Superintendent