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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Schools Beating the Odds

The purpose of this item is to present to the State Board of Education for public acknowledgment, several schools beating the odds in terms of student outcomes given the context in which those schools operate. A presentation at the State Board of Education meeting will provide profiles of those schools.

The context in which schools function include demographic variables over which schools do not have control, such as whether the school is an alternative education center, locale (e.g., urban, suburban, town, rural), and percent of economically disadvantaged students.

The student outcomes include measures of school outputs, such as student achievement, graduation rates, and statewide percentile rankings.

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