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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2015

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian Whiston, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of Goals for Developing Michigan into a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years

In response to a request for suggestions on how to make Michigan a Top 10 state for education within the next 10 years, the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education received input from numerous stakeholders groups, education partners and individual citizens.

This valuable information was provided via formal presentations to the SBE, written submissions, one-on-one and group meetings with me, and through more than 750 responses collected through a dedicated website.

From this vast input, we have developed some Guiding Principles that helped us articulate specific Goals to lead our work in getting Michigan to be a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

While we continue to work with the State Board, education stakeholders, and specialists within the Department of Education on what direct strategies and measures will be employed in our efforts to reach these Goals, I am asking at this time that the State Board approve the Goals, which I will be presenting at the December 8, 2015 State Board meeting.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Goals for Developing Michigan into a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years, as presented at the December 8, 2015 State Board of Education meeting.

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