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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the 2008-2009
Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2008-2009 Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year, Debra Nihart.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 22, 2009, honoring Debra Nihart the 2008-2009 Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year.

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RESOLUTION

MICHIGAN SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, school support persons are one of the most valuable resources in schools; 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, school support staff add to the credibility of Michigan schools through their accomplished expertise and high quality work; 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 outstanding professional support staff through the creation of the Michigan School Support Person of the Year Award program; and

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

WHEREAS, Debra Nihart, educational assistant in the media center at Eastside Elementary School in the Constantine Public Schools, has been named by the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education as the 2008-2009 Michigan School Support Person of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its appreciation to Debra Nihart 2008-2009 Michigan Support Staff Person of the Year for her dedication to Eastside Elementary and her ability to motivate, challenge and connect with students; and be it finally

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.