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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Awards and Recognitions 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State-Level Finalists

This month, Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon will complete her year as the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year. She will continue in her teaching position with Ottawa Hills High School in the fall of 2013.

Ms. Kenyon has provided exemplary service as a representative of the excellent teachers in Michigan. She has supported the State Board of Education priorities through her many activities and has made all of us very proud.

The 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., of Grosse Pointe North High School, Grosse Pointe Public School System, will be introduced. The three state-level finalists will also be introduced. They are:

- Ms. Misty Balkema, social studies and grades five and six teacher, Lawrence Elementary School, Lawrence Public Schools
- Mr. Todd Chappa, third grade teacher, Lake Center Elementary, Portage Public Schools
- Mr. Michael Medvinsky, music teacher, Oakwood Elementary, Brandon School District

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