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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is required by federal law and established by the State Board of Education. Its function is to advise the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. Current SEAC membership consists of 25 "organizational" representatives recommended by the respective organizations and eight "at-large" members nominated by individual members of the State Board of Education. All nominees, whether organizational or at-large, must be formally appointed by the State Board. A SEAC term of membership is three years in duration. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 requires that at least 51% of the membership of the SEAC be persons with a disability, or parents of a child under the age of 26 who is currently receiving special education services.

The terms of four at-large members of the SEAC will expire in June of 2008. In an effort to maintain the 51% requirement, it is desired that these at-large vacancies be filled with persons who meet this federal requirement.

State Board members who wish to nominate someone for at-large membership should make their individual nominations known to the Office of the State Board of Education by Monday June 23, 2008 so that formal appointments may be made at the State Board's August 10, 2008 meeting. Please consider diversity as you recommend appointments. Attachment A lists organizations represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists those members whose appointments expire in June 2008. Attachment C is a current SEAC membership profile, indicating race, gender, demographic, and regional information.

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**Organizations Represented on the
Special Education Advisory Committee**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Acronym</u>
1. American Federation of Teachers – Michigan	AFT-MI
2. The Arc Michigan	Arc
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education	CAUSE
5. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
6. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
7. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
8. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
9. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
10. Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Education Administrators	MAISEA
11. Michigan Association of Learning Disabilities Educators	MALDE
12. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
13. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
14. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
15. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
16. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
17. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
18. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
19. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
20. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
21. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children With Emotional Impairments	MATCEI
22. Michigan Education Association	MEA
23. Michigan–Speech–Language–Hearing Association	MSLHA
24. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
25. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

(In addition to the organizational seats, eight at-large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education)

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Organizational and At-Large Expirations and Vacancies
(June/2008)**

SEAC By-laws call for 3-year terms. The State Board of Education approves members to fill these terms. Pursuant to the State Board policy on advisory committee membership, appointees may serve a maximum of four consecutive years.

Delegate Name and Organization	Consecutive Years Served
Beverly Baroni-Yeglic <i>Michigan Association of School Social Workers</i>	3
*Jean Christenson <i>At-Large</i>	3
*Darlene Heard-Thomas <i>At-Large</i>	4
*Robert Hove <i>Michigan Association of School Psychologists</i>	3
*Maggie Kolk <i>The ARC Michigan</i>	4
*Kathleen Kosobud <i>Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan</i>	1
*Shari Krishnan <i>Autism Society of Michigan</i>	4
Sharon Melko <i>Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Education Administrators</i>	4
*Susan Peters <i>At-Large</i>	3
*Chuck Saur <i>Michigan Transition Services Association</i>	4
Susan Steinbacher <i>American Federation of Teachers Michigan</i>	2
Michael Yocum <i>At-Large</i>	3

*Defined member indicates a parent of a child under 26 years of age who is currently receiving special education services, or a person with a disability.

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REGIONAL MAP

