



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

BRIAN J. WHISTON
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2016
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 
SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26). The Michigan Department of Education continues compliance with IDEA requirements pending approval of the nominations as contained herein.

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of ten persons nominated by their organizations as Delegates to fill organizational membership vacancies, six persons nominated as Alternates, and two At-Large nominations to fill current vacancies.

Resumes of those persons to be appointed as Delegates, Alternates and At-Large Members to the SEAC are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve nominations for ten organizational Delegates, six organizational Alternates and two At-large nominations for the terms specified in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 26, 2016.

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**ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Organization	Acronym
1. American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2. Association for Children’s Mental Health	ACMH
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6. Michigan Alliance for Families	MAF
7. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
8. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
9. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
10. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
11. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATEDC
12. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
13. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
14. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
15. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
16. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
17. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
18. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
19. Michigan Education Association	MEA
20. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
21. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
22. Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association	MEMSPA
23. Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning	MACUL
24. Michigan Reading Association	MRA
25. Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan	DSAWM

In addition to the twenty-five organizational seats, eight At-Large members are appointed by the State Board of Education. Presently, there are two At-Large vacancies to be filled.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Individual Nominations and
their Respective Terms of Service**

Organizational Delegate Nominations		
Name	Representing	Length of Term
Jill Fennessy	Michigan Association of School Boards	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Terri Henrizi ¹	Association for Children’s Mental Health	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Nancy J. Jaskiw	Michigan Reading Association	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Andrew Kowalczyk*	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018
Teri Pettit	Michigan Association of Public School Academies	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Richard Schumacher, Jr. ¹	Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018
Anne-Marie Sladewski	Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018
Mark Smith	Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Nancy Spanski *	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Lori Tavgigian	Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

¹Served one previous year on the SEAC as an Alternate

*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

Organizational Alternate Nominations		
Name	Representing	Length of Term
Dr. Jerry Davisson*	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Courtney Gutowski	Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Laura Guzman	Michigan Reading Association	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Donald Hubler	Michigan Association of School Boards	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Katherine Mills*	Down Syndrome Association of Western Michigan	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Jane Shank	Association of Children's Mental Health	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

At-Large Nominations	
Name	Length of Term
Lisa Azzou *	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Rob Dickenson*	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019

Name: Nancy J. Jaskiw	
Business Address: Home Address: 1500 North Getty St. Muskegon, Michigan 49445	Home Address: 1361 Meadow Wood Drive Manistee, Michigan 49660
Business Telephone: 231-744-4777, ext. 2036	Cell Phone: 231-683-7491
Business E-mail: jaskiwn@reeths-puffer.org	Home E-mail: najaskiw@gmail.com
Present Position: School Psychologist , Reeths-Puffer Schools	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Reading Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Prior: School Psychologist and MTSS literacy coordinator (developing and administering a successful intervention program, and accompanying site: http://portagenmsrti.weebly.com/) at Portage Public Schools, serving Portage; North and Central Middle Schools, and serving on district- and building-level MiBLISI leadership teams; School Psychologist at Holton Public Schools, and RTI Coordinator at Holton Middle School; School Psychologist at Reeths-Puffer and Holton Schools. Other Previous Professional Experience: Reading Recovery instructor; Trainer-of-trainers in Nonviolent Crisis Prevention & Intervention Adjunct faculty in Psychology at Saginaw Valley State University	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Michigan Reading Association, International Literacy Association, Western Dunes Reading Council, Michigan Association of School Psychologists	
Education: 1986, Bachelor of Science in Psychology (minor in Management) Central Michigan University; 1993, Master of Arts in Psychology – Central Michigan University; 1993, Specialist in Psychological Services – Central Michigan University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

Name: Mark Smith	
Business Address: 520 S. Creyts Road Lansing, Michigan 48917	Summer Address:
Business Telephone: 517-882-1403	Cell Phone: 434-941-5153
Business Email: msmith@macul.org	Home Email:
Present Position: Executive Director	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Other: At-Large <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Special Education Assistant, 2003, Heritage High School Computer Teacher, Career Tech-Ed teacher	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Top 10 in 10 Advisory Council, MDE-REMC- MACUL Partnership, MSBO Tech Committee	
Education: J.D., University of Dayton; B.S., James Madison University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

Name: Nancy Spanski	
Business Address:	Home Address: 6727 W. Cannonsville Road Lakeview, Michigan 48850
Business Telephone: 616-304-4929	Cell Phone: 616-304-4929
Business E mail: nspanski@casair.net	Home E-mail: nspanski@casair.net
Present Position: Board member and parent member of the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: School Improvement/District Improvement Committee Parent Representative, Lakeview Community Schools; Parent Advisory Committee Representative, Montcalm County ISD (5 years); Past President of the Board of Directors, Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan; Director of the Board of the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (5 years)	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan, National Down Syndrome Congress, Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action, Parent Advisory Committee Representative (Montcalm county)	
Education: MS (Animal Sciences), BS (Animal Sciences), Parent Leadership in State Government Training (2012, Muskegon), Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training (2014, Grand Rapids)	
Miscellaneous Information: As the parent of a middle school student receiving special education services in Michigan, I have been involved in special education committees and advocacy organizations, at the district, county and regional levels. I believe my experiences, informed perspectives and commitment to the SEAC mission and will enhance my participation as a member of this committee.	
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Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Name: Lori Tavgigian	
Business Address: Huron School District 32044 Huron River Drive New Boston, Michigan 48164	Summer Address: 39740 Wear Road Belleville, Michigan 48111
Business Telephone: 734-782-2442, Ext. 453	Cell Phone: 734-915-7346
Business E-mail: TavgigianL@huronschools.org	Home E-mail: Lomicaonco@aol.com
Present Position: Lead Speech Language Pathologist	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Speech pathologist over 20 years, 10 years in hospital setting, 10 years in school setting.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: BA and MA, Speech Language Pathology; Chair, Public School Committee for MSHA	
Education: Associate degree – Ferris State University, pre-teaching; BA Degree, Eastern Michigan University; MA Degree, Eastern Michigan University with minor in psychology.	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

Name: Dr. Jerry Davisson	
Business Address: 18300 19 Mile Road Clinton Township, Michigan 48038	Home Address: 2121 Hawthorne Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236
Business Telephone: 586-723-2300	Cell Phone: 313-516-1170
Business E-mail: jdavisson@cvs.k12.mi.us	
Present Position: Principal, Chippewa Valley High School	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: 9 years – Principal, Chippewa Valley High School 11 years - Assistant Principal, Chippewa Valley High School 15 years – Teacher/Assistant Principal, Neil E. Reid High School (cognitive & emotionally impaired)	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	
Education: Bachelor's, Calvin College Master's Degree, Administration and Organizational Studies, Wayne State University Ed.D. Educational Leadership, Western Michigan University	
Miscellaneous Information: Have served as president on both the Macomb County Assistant Principal and Principal Associations	
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Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Name: Courtney Gutowski	
Business Address: 30777 Northwestern Hwy. Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334	Summer Address: 6624 Corral Ct. West Bloomfield, Michigan 48324
Business Telephone: 248-254-3445	Cell Phone: 313-378-7016
Business E-mail: c.guttowski@globalpsychology.net	Home E-mail: courtneyagutowski@gmail.com
Home E-mail:	
Present Position: Lead Speech Language Pathologist	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: School based speech pathologist in Detroit since 2012	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association; American Speech Language Hearing Association	
Education: BA Degree, Michigan State University; MA Degree, Wayne State University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

Name: Donald Hubler	
Business Address:	Home Address: 23959 Deanhurst Street Clinton Township, Michigan 48035
Business Telephone:	Cell Phone: 586-295-5737
Business Email:	Home Email: whunion@wideopenwest.com
Present Position:	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of School Boards <input type="checkbox"/> Other: At-Large <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Alternate, Special Education Advisory Committee	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: L'Anse Creuse Board of Education, President; Macomb ISD, Secretary; Michigan Association of School Boards, Past President; Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Deputy Director	
Education: Associated Degree, Macomb Community College	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

Name: Katherine Mills	
Business Address:	Home Address: 1302 Pinehurst Boulevard Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006
Business Telephone:	Home Phone: 269-598-5628
Business Email:	Home Email: katherinejane@gmail.com
Present Position: Stay-at-Home mom	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Down Syndrome of Western Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: At-Large <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Daughter has been in a self-contained pre-school for the last year. We became concerned at the lack of age-appropriate speech and behavior role models. We had a struggle to get our daughter released from her current classroom and to be put in one with her typically developing peers. I learned a lot about the law and special education in Michigan during this process.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: PTO Secretary; Yearbook Coordinator' Mentor Committee founder and organizer; classroom volunteer; Member of "Connecting the Dots", KRESA preschool transition team	
Education: Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universitat, Bonn Western Michigan University, BA in German, BBA in Computer Information Systems, MA in Educational Technology	
Miscellaneous Information: Working on learning ASL and Spanish	
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At-Large Term of Appointment: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

Name: Robert Dickinson	
Business Address: 1001 Centennial Way, Suite 400 Lansing MI 48917	Home Address:
Business Telephone: 517-853-1413	Cell Phone: 517-512-0171
Business Email: rob@mpaaa.org	Home Email: rdickinson@email.com
Present Position: Executive Director, Michigan Pupil Accounting and Attendance Association (MPAAA)	
Category <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: At-Large <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Data Collections Manager for CEPI 2012-2015, Pupil Accounting Coordinator, Grand Rapids Public Schools, 1995 – 2012. 25 years' experience in special education data collection, reporting, and maintenance.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Long time Board member of MPAAA, frequent speaker at educational conferences (MSBO, MPAAA, MASB)	
Education: BA, Material and Logistics Management, MSU, 1991	
Miscellaneous Information: Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	