



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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BRIAN J. WHISTON  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 29, 2015  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairperson   
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Changes to Organizational Representatives on the Special Education Advisory Committee

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) nominations were approved at the March 17, 2015, State Board of Education meeting. Subsequent to approval of those nominations, three organizations have requested changes for their representatives on the SEAC.

The Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP) has requested that their delegate, Ms. Katie Lamb, be switched with the alternate, Mr. Jim Corr, due to Ms. Lamb's changing role and schedule at her school district. Mr. Corr will become the delegate and Ms. Lamb will become the alternate for their organization.

The Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools (MANS) has requested that their alternate, Sheryl Jo, be moved into the delegate position which was originally held by Mary Ann Deschaine who recently resigned, and a new alternate be named, Mr. Richard W. Schumacher, Jr. Ms. Sheryl Jo will become the delegate and Mr. Schumacher will become the alternate pending board approval of his nomination to the SEAC.

The Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) has requested that Mr. Craig McCalla who was approved as the alternate, be moved into the delegate position due to the resignation of Ms. Cyndi Nickel. MEMSPA has named a new alternate, Mr. Scott Eckhart. Mr. Craig McCalla will become the delegate and Mr. Scott Eckhart will become the alternate pending board approval of his nomination to the SEAC. Attachment A contains biographical resumes for Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Eckhart.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve changes to organizational representatives on the Special Education Advisory Committee as outlined in the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 29, 2015.

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

**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Name: Scott R Eckhart	
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Business E-mail: eckhart@byron.K12.mi.us	Home E-mail: seckhart1@gmail.com
Present Position: Elementary School Principal	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: School Principal; Father of child with Disabilities	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	
Education: B.A. and M.A. Degree, Central Michigan University	
Miscellaneous Information: I would be honored to serve in this role.	
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	

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Michigan State Board of Education**

**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Name: Richard W. Schumacher, Jr.	
Business Address: Lutheran Special Education Ministries 30415 W. 13 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334	Home Address:  29893 Dover Street Garden City, Michigan 48135
Business Telephone: (248) 419-3390 x114	Cell Phone: (734)748-5253
Business E-mail: rschumacher@luthsped.org Home E-mail:	Home E-mail: rwschumacher@gmail.com
Present Position: Director of Programs and Services	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools <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: Asst. Director of Programs & Services at LSEM (1 year). Coordinator of Secondary Education at Concordia University, Ann Arbor (6 years). Principal at St. Matthew Lutheran School, Westland MI (5 years). 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School, Westland, MI (12 years). 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Kansas City, KS	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Member – Lutheran Education Association	
Education: Bachelor's Degree – Secondary Education (Social Science, English) Concordia University, Ann Arbor – 1994. Master's Degree in Educational Leadership – Concordia University, Ann Arbor – 2007.	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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