



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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BRIAN J. WHISTON
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 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, two organizations have requested changes for representatives on the SEAC.

The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) has requested that Mr. Andy Kowalczyk fill the vacancy created by the resignation of their organization's delegate, Jason Feig.

The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) has requested that Ms. Ronna Steel be approved to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of their delegate, Mary Vratana.

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has requested that Mary Meldrum be approved as their organization's alternate. Currently CEC does not have an alternate.

Ms. Amy Schelling has been nominated by the Educator Preparation Institutions (EPI), formerly Institutions of Higher Education (IHE), to be an Ex-Officio representative on the SEAC. She replaces Kristal Ehrhardt, who was the former IHE representative. An EPI alternate was also nominated.

Attachment A contains biographical information for each of these nominations.

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 November 24, 2015.

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

Delegate Term of Appointment: December 8, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Name: Andy Kowalczyk	
Business Address: Home Address: 1642 Columbus Avenue Bay City, Michigan 48708	Summer Address: 1414 E. Linwood Road Linwood, Michigan 48634
Business Telephone: 989-891-0603	Home Telephone: Cell Phone: 989-239-0008
Business E-mail: kowalczyka@bcschools.net	Home E-mail: abnerk98@hotmail.com
Present Position: Assistant Principal at Bay City Central	
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	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: 15 years as HS administrator, 4 years as MS Teacher	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: MASSP Board Member	
Education: Bachelors of Science, Saginaw Valley State University Masters Degree of Education, Saginaw Valley State University	
Miscellaneous Information: 4 Children; 2 nd daughter, Taylor has Down's Syndrome	
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	

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

Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

Name: Ronna Steel	
Home Address: 310 E. Bacon Street Hillsdale, Michigan 49272	Summer Address: 2408 Spruce Drive Reading, Michigan 49274
Business Telephone: 517-437-0990, ext. 110	Cell Phone: 517-677-6598
Business E-mail: Ronna.Steel@Hillsdale-ISD.org	Home E- mail: Steelronna@gmail.com
Present Position: Superintendent of Hillsdale County ISD	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators <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 type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: 8 years Middle School Principal; 1 year HS Principal, District Responsibilities for special education in addition to duties (10 years), 3 years central office Special Education was one of my duties with support from ISD, 3 years local Superintendent, 2 +years ISD (two different)	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: MAISA, MASA, MASCD, MASSP, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs	
Education: ABD on PHD, MI State K-12 Administration; Masters, Grand Valley State University with cognate in special education; Undergrad degree: Bachelor of Science in Human and Consumer Science. Teaching degree in both general and vocational and administrative license.	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Ex-Officio Term of Appointment: unlimited

Name: Liza Ing	
Business Address: Home Address: Ferris State University School of Education 1349 Cramer Circle, BIS 421 Big Rapids, MI 49307	Summer Address: Same (If different than home):
Business Telephone: 231-591-5362 Home Telephone:	Cell Phone: 231-660-2975
Business E-mail: ingl@ferris.edu Home E-mail:	Home E-mail: ingl@ferris.edu
Present Position: Professor	
Category <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input checked="" 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: Have been at the University level teaching in Special Education since 1996. Prior to that I was a special education teacher at all levels- birth through adulthood.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Ferris State University, Council for Exceptional Children	
Education: Ed. D.- Special Education- Early Childhood emphasis	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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