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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval to Remove the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED) from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

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 requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Membership on the Special Education Advisory Committee is capped by Act 287 of 1964, Section 388.1009a at 33 members, (25 organizational seats and eight at-large members). Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC.

The MACED has failed to nominate an organizational representative to the SEAC and the organization's seat has remained vacant since June 2010. Attachment B contains a chronology of attempted contacts with the organization. MACED's lack of response leaves the SEAC with the need to seek the organization's removal and to pursue an organizational replacement on the SEAC.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the removal of the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED) and authorize the SEAC to pursue an organizational replacement on the SEAC following protocols established in the SEAC bylaws.

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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
<del>7. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders</del>	<del>MACED</del>
8. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
9. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
10. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
11. Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Education Administrators	MAISEA
12. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
13. Michigan Association for Teachers of Children with Emotional Disorders	MATCEI
14. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
15. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
16. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
17. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
18. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
19. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
20. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
21. Michigan Education Association	MEA
22. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
23. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
24. Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association	MEMSPA

In addition to the 24 organizational seats, eight At-Large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education.

## Attachment B

- The MACED organizational seat has remained vacant since June 2010. Prior to that vacancy occurring, a request to nominate a representative to fill that vacancy was sent to the organization in February 2010. No action was taken on that request.
- On November 18, 2010, Dr. Eleanor White, Director of Special Education sent a second request to nominate a representative from the MACED. No response was received.
- On January 10, 2011, Joan Bade, 2010-11 SEAC chair requested the situation be rectified to assure full organizational participation and notified the MACED that failing to do so could lead to an eventual request to the State Board of Education for organization replacement. On January 27, 2011, MACED informed the SEAC secretary of the organization's intent to secure a nomination. No nomination was received by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).
- On October 11, 2011, Dawn Bentley, 2011-12 SEAC chair requested immediate action to nominate a delegate to the SEAC with reply to the request no later than October 31, 2011. No reply was received nor were actions taken to make nomination to represent the organization.
- On December 14, 2012, Dawn Bentley, 2012-13 SEAC chair sent a final letter to MACED outlining the attempts by the SEAC to secure representation, the organization's failure to respond to these attempts, and informing them that failing to reply will result in a request to the State Board of Education for replacement of the organization. There was no response to that letter.
- March 20, 2013 letter to John C Austin, President, State Board of Education requesting authorization for the removal of MACED from SEAC organizational membership.