



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

May 26, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Flanagan".

SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of Two Alternative 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 Marcia O'Brien nominated as an Alternate to the SEAC by the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education and Richard Spring nominated as an Alternate to the SEAC by the Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments. Their resumes are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the nomination of Marcia O'Brien and Richard Spring as organizational alternates to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term specified in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2015.

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

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Acronym</u>
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

In addition to the twenty-two organizational seats, eight At-Large members are appointed by the State Board of Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Individual Nomination and
Respective Term of Service**

Organizational Alternate Nominations		
Name	Representing	Length of Term
Marcia O'Brien	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018
Richard Spring	Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
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Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Name: Richard Spring	
Business Address:	Home Address: 602 Sheridan Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
Business Telephone:	Home Phone: Cell: 734-646-2098
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail: rspring72@hotmail.com
Present Position: Retired School Social Worker	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments <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 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: School Social Worker, Ingham Intermediate School District, Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County RESA; Mental Health Worker, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health; Resident Care Aid, Traverse City Psychiatric Hospital	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	
Education: MSW, University of Michigan; BS, Eastern Michigan University; Associate of Arts, Northwestern Michigan College	
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	