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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On April 22, **HB 4493 EDUCATION (Kesto)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill provides for genocide education.

On April 22, **HB 4498 HOMESCHOOL (Chang)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill provides for certain reporting requirements for home-schooled students. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education.

On April 28, **HB 4517 EDUCATION (Rutledge)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill allows refunding bonds for bonded indebtedness of original school district involved in consolidation.

On April 28, **HB 4526 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (Tinsley-Talabi)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill revises certification for substitute teachers.

On May 5, **HB 4539 EDUCATION (Brunner)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill provides for certain requirements for charter schools and authorizing bodies upon termination or revocation of contract.

On April 23, **SB 139 FUND-RAISING DURING SCHOOL (Colbeck)** was read a second time before the full House of Representatives as an H-1 substitute. The bill allows certain fund-raising activities during school hours and awaits action.

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On April 16, **SB 169 STEM DIPLOMA (Proos)** was referred to the House Committee on Education as an S-1 substitute. The bill would issue high school diploma endorsement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for certain pupils.

On April 16, **SB 170 STEM DIPLOMA (Proos)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill provides for high school diploma endorsement in science, technology, engineering, and math.

MICHIGAN SENATE

On April 29, **SB 103 EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS (Pavlov)** was referred to the committee of the whole of the Senate as a substitute S-3. The bill revises performance evaluation requirements for teachers and school administrators and awaits action.

On April 14, **SB 259 IMMUNIZATION RECORDS (Hertel)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill requires public notification of immunization record completion rates.

On April 15, **SB 266 REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROPERTY TAXES (Hansen)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for change in procedures for and distribution of regional enhancement property taxes under certain circumstances.

On April 21, **SB 284 HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS (Young)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for certain reporting requirements for home-schooled students.

On April 30, **SB 311 CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Hopgood)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for increased oversight over charter schools, certificate of need for new charter schools, open bid process for contracted services, procedures for removal of charter school board members, and revisions to authorizer fee and term of charter contract.

On April 30, **SB 312 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES (Ananich)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for certain requirements for charter schools and authorizing bodies upon termination or revocation of contract

On April 28, **HB 4325 EARLY WARNING (Poleski)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill requires preplanned financial reporting for school districts as part of early warning systems.

On April 28, **HB 4326 EARLY WARNING (Poleski)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill requires preliminary review to determine the existence of probable financial stress in school districts under certain conditions and modifies the state financial authority for certain school districts.

On April 28, **HB 4327 DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLANS (Pscholka)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for enhancement of deficit elimination plans.

On April 28, **HB 4328 DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLANS (Lyons)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill revises deficit elimination plan requirements.

On April 28, **HB 4329 SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGERS (Somerville)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill provides for school district placement under control of an emergency manager for failure to comply with enhanced deficit elimination plan.

On April 28, **HB 4330 DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN (Kelly)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill updates reference to deficit elimination plan compliance in school aid act, includes enhanced deficit elimination plans, and revises other reporting requirements.

On April 28, **HB 4331 MUNICIPAL LOANS (Jacobsen)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government. The bill increases cap on emergency loans.

On April 28, **HB 4332 SURPLUS FUNDS (Garcia)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government. The bill modifies the surplus funds act.

On May 6, **HB 4390 ECONOMICS CREDIT (Tedder)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill allows 1/2 credit of personal economics or financial literacy to satisfy economics credit required for Michigan Merit Curriculum.

BUDGET ACTION

On May 6, **HB 4097 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET (Pscholka)** was referred the full House of Representatives and read a second time as an H-2 Substitute. The bill provides for fiscal year 2015-2016 department of education appropriations. The bill awaits further action.

On May 5, **HB 4115 OMNIBUS EDUCATION (Pscholka)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The bill provides omnibus appropriations for school aid, higher education and community colleges for fiscal year 2015-16. The bill awaits further action.

On April 28, **SB 120 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET (Hansen)** was referred to the committee of the whole as an S-1 Substitute. The bill provides for fiscal year 2015-2016 department of education appropriations and awaits action in the full Senate.

On April 28, **SB 130 SCHOOL AID APPROPRIATIONS (Hansen)** was referred to the committee of the whole as an S-1 Substitute. The bill provides for fiscal year 2015-2016 school aid appropriations and awaits action in the full Senate. The bill awaits further action.

FEDERAL UPDATE

ESEA UPDATE

In April, with civil rights leaders, educators, and students, Secretary Duncan commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C. In a speech, followed by a question-and-answer session, the Secretary discussed America's education progress over the past half-century and the work still ahead -- including the need for Congress to reauthorize a strong, bipartisan ESEA.

A day later, Secretary Duncan responded to an agreement by Senate Education Committee leaders to begin to fix ESEA. "I am happy to see this bipartisan effort come together, yet I also know the distance we have to go toward a bill that establishes an expectation of excellence for all American children and stays true to ESEA's role as a guarantor of civil rights," he asserted. Among the proposal's positive steps: requiring college- and career-ready standards; strengthening support for educators; and promoting transparency on resource inequities. Among the Secretary's ongoing concerns: no new funding for early learning; a lack of accountability and support for action in persistently under-performing schools; and limited assistance for state and local innovation. (Excerpt from U.S. Dept. of Education.)

HONORING TEACHERS

The National Teacher of the Year was chosen from among the State Teachers of the Year by a committee of 15 national education organizations, organized by the Council of Chief State School Officers. This year's winner, Shanna Peeples, is an English teacher at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, Texas, where she is splitting her days as a teacher and a mentor, challenging her colleagues to grow in the teaching profession. During the year, she is released from classroom duties to travel the country as a spokesperson for teachers.

President Obama and Secretary of Education Duncan honored Peeples and the State Teachers of the Year on April 29 in a Rose Garden ceremony at the White House. In his remarks the President thanked teachers for their "outstanding contributions to the life of our nation." "America's future is written in our classrooms," he emphasized. "We all depend on our teachers, whether we have kids in the schools or not. They deserve our support and our appreciation.... That's what today is all about." (Excerpt from U.S. Dept. of Education.)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.