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January 24, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of 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 Improvement Act, as amended in 2004, requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of nine persons nominated to fill the organizational membership vacancies along with two names that were submitted to fill two At-Large vacancies, and describes the respective terms each will serve, if approved for appointment. The biographical resumes of those persons nominated as delegates and alternates to the Special Education Advisory Committee are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the organizational nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum of January 24, 2011, and appoint two individuals nominated to serve as At-Large members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

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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. The Arc Michigan	Arc
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
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 Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
11. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
12. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATEDC
13. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
14. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
15. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
16. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
17. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
18. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
19. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
20. Michigan Education Association	MEA
21. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
22. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
23. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

In addition to the organizational seats, eight at-large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education. Presently, there are two at-large vacancies to be filled.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and  
their Respective Terms of Service  
(2/2011)**

Name	Representing	Length of Term
Cheryl Borowski Wendy S. Minor*^	CEC	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Regina Carey Vicki White *^	LDAM	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Lois Lofton-Doniver	AFTmi	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Gina Garner^	MASCD	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Carolyn Smith-Gerdes* Jennifer Scott-Burton^	MAISEA	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Judy L. Hernandez*	MTSA	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Caryn Pack Ivey* Michelle A. Driscoll*^	Arc Michigan	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Teri Metros	MASSW	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Paul Robb Rod Teeple^	MASP	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Lori Swan* Kathy Johnson ^	ASM	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Laura LaMore*	At-Large	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
David Overly*	At-Large	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

<sup>1</sup>Served one previous year on the SEAC

<sup>2</sup>Served three previous years on the SEAC

\*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

^ *Alternate*

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

**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Cheryl Borowski

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Present Position: CEC Past President  
Special Education Administrator/Planner-Monitor  
St. Clair RESA

Category  Organization: Council for Exceptional Children  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race: \* Caucasian Gender: Female  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Speech and Language Pathologist, Supervisor, Special Education Administrator,  
Monitor

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Council for Exceptional Children, Council of  
Administrators of Special Education, Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education

Education: M.S., Education, Communication Disorders; M.S. Early Childhood Education, Special  
Education Director Certification

Miscellaneous Information: Aunt of a Special Education Child

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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.

Yes

No

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

**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Wendy S. Minor

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Present Position: Special Education Planner/Monitor at Van Buren ISD

Category  Organization: Council for Exceptional Children  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race:\* Caucasian Gender: Female  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: SEAC alternate for CEC previous 2 years; 27 years in Special Education as a teacher and administrator, Early-On Coordinator

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: MAASE, MiCEC and CASE

Education: B.S. Degree and M.S. Degree in Special Education, Grand Valley State University

Miscellaneous Information: Parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student with a specific learning disability

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Yes

No

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Regina Carey

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Summer Address:

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Present Position: Board Member, Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan

Category  Organization: Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race:\* Caucasian

Gender: Female

(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Special Education teacher; Field Instructor, Michigan State University  
Coaches teenagers and adults with invisible disabilities

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan,  
CHADD, ADDA, LDA of America

Education: M.Ed., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes

No

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Vicki White

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Summer Address:  
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Present Position: Board Member, Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan

Category  Organization: Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race: \* Caucasian Gender: Female  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Ingham Intermediate Parent Advisory Council Chair

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:  
Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan  
Learning Disabilities Association of America

Education:

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes

No



**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Name: Gina Garner

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Summer Address:  
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Present Position: Assistant Professor, Learning Disabilities Program Coordinator

Category  Organization: Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race:\* Caucasian Gender: Female  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Speech-Language Pathologist (NSSEO, Chicago, Special School District, St. Louis County) taught students with multiple disability diagnoses across a wide age range in itinerant and self-contained classrooms as well as inclusion classrooms from 1992-2002

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: AERA, ASCD. CEC, LDAM

Education: BA, MS, Speech-Language Pathology, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville;  
PhD Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy, Michigan State University

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes

No













**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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Present Position: Retired School Psychologist  
Adjunct faculty, Mid-Michigan Community College

Category  Organization: Michigan Association of School Psychologists  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race:\* Caucasian Gender: Male  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Current SEAC Delegate

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Conference Chair, Michigan Association of School Psychologists

Education: Central Michigan University, Specialist in School Psychological Services

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes

No

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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Present Position: School Psychologist

Category  Organization: Michigan Association of School Psychologists  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee  
(indicate name of Board Member):

Race:\* Caucasian Gender: Male  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: President, Michigan Association of School Psychologists

Education: Central Michigan University, Specialist in School Psychological Services

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes

No





**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
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**Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014**

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Present Position:  
Director of Special Education Services, Allegan Area Educational Service Agency

Category  Organization:  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee At-Large  
(indicate name of Board Member): John Austin

Race:\*Caucasian Gender: Female  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience:  
SEAC At-Large Member 1993-1995; Chairperson 1995; Public School Teacher (7 years), Parochial School Principal (4 years); Oakland Schools Planner/Monitor (5 years); Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services Consultant (PAU) (1.5 years)

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:  
Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (At Large Board Member), National Council for Exceptional Children (member), Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE) (member); Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) (member)

Education:  
University of Pittsburgh, Masters Degree 1983; Wayne State University, PhD Program (88 hours completed); Grand Valley State University, Educational Specialist (June 2011 completion)

Miscellaneous Information:  
Parent of a young adult with a disability (age 22); public and non-public school experience; multi-state experience (Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan); Statewide experience (Oakland County, Ottawa County, department of education vantage, Allegan County); parent-teacher-consultant-administrator experience;

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Yes  No

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee**

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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011– June 30, 2014

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Summer Address:  
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Present Position: Substitute Teacher

Category  Organization:  
 Other:  
 Board Member's Nominee At-Large  
(indicate name of Board Member): Kathleen Straus

Race:\* Caucasian Gender: Male  
(\*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)

Prior Experience: Former advisor to the Michigan Commission on Handicapper Concerns; Church commission on disability concerns, Adjunct instructor, Oakland University, Lawrence Technological University; Research Analyst, Wayne State University

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Education: Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, Wayne State University

Miscellaneous Information:

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Yes  No