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TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month

Attached is a resolution regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 1, 2009.

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Resolution

Local School Board Member Recognition Month
January 2010

WHEREAS, providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and

WHEREAS, local board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts – whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs – board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st Century knowledge economy; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and demonstrate to the students they serve the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme – School Boards LeadStrong – reflects the efforts of these board members who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and preserving the core of our democratic nation; and

WHEREAS, Local School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of women and men who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education recognize the contributions of the state's local boards of education to the academic success of public school students, and express its sincerest appreciation to local board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education declare January 2010 as Local School Board Member Recognition Month in Michigan, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated local school board members.