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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Regarding Talent Development Week

Attached is a draft resolution regarding Talent Development Week. The resolution recognizes May 18-24, 2008, as Talent Development Week and encourages the development of the unique needs of Michigan's gifted students.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Talent Development Week as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 28, 2008.

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Resolution  
Talent Development Week  
May 18-24, 2008

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that children's talents and abilities must be nurtured through quality education programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that children with talents have unique learning styles which require special planning and accommodation by school personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Board encourages school districts to establish policies which eliminate barriers and allow students to progress at their own rate and receive appropriate credit for course work completed, regardless of age or grade placement; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to be committed to the concept of support for intermediate and local school districts through support for consultant assistance, staff, and program development; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to sponsor opportunities and experiences for highly talented middle school students through Advanced and Accelerated Summer Institutes; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to acknowledge the importance of talent development through special funding in support of comprehensive programming for students with exceptional talents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of *May 18-24, 2008* be designated as **Talent Development Week**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this week be devoted to the recognition of the special educational needs and accomplishments of talented students in Michigan, and the accompanying responsibility of Michigan schools to help develop that talent so that all students may realize their fullest potential; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the content of this Resolution be transmitted to appropriate school and community officials throughout the state, to focus their attention on the importance of continued support for children with talents, and to recognize those who spend many hours devoted to comprehensive program development.