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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year
SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights

- Attended Big Rapids Schools Education Day hosted by the Big Rapids Antique Farm and Tractor Club

Spoke with approximately 100 fifth graders. Encouraged students to consider teaching as their chosen profession.

Spoke with the teachers and parents about the different recognition programs offered through MDE.

➤ Relationship with Intermediate School Districts-Objective 3

- Visited St. Mary's School in Big Rapids
 - Met with 3rd through 8th grade classes.
 - Discussed the rewards of selecting a career in education

- Attended ASSIST/RESA Leadership Institute

Examined tools and strategies for preparing mentors for educative mentoring.

Examined the coaching relationship using the Center for Creative Leadership's "Situation-Behavior-Impact" model for giving feedback.

Attended training with ISDs to promote use of the ASSIST site as a mentoring tool.

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- Relationship with Intermediate School Districts, Teacher Preparation- Objectives 3 and 4
- First Year Teacher Workshop, Clinton County RESA
 - The presentation focused on developing a positive relationship with parents and effective parent teacher conferences.
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- Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
- Meetings with MDE Directors
- State Board of Education Meeting
- Participated in the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group initial meeting