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MEMORANDUM

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

Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights

○ Visit to South Lyon Public Schools

Observed Restorative Justice Program being used at Salem Elementary and Centennial Middle Schools. Co-taught a writing lesson with a novice teacher using adaptive technology.

- Improve all students' achievement in all academic areas especially in English language arts and mathematics - Objective 1
- Identify and support practices, systems, and programs that sustain the social, mental, physical, and emotional growth of all students - Objective 2

○ Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA)

Presented to supervising teachers on the benefits of mentoring and effective mentoring strategies at Northern Michigan University.
Discussed establishing a partnership between the School of Education and Detroit Public Schools to provide an urban experience for student teachers.
Presented on National Board Certification and Michigan Teacher of the Year program at the MARESA conference.

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administrators who are committed to instructional excellence-
Objective 3

o Student Teacher Presentation, FIRE-UP Conference, Aquinas College

Delivered the keynote speech to 600 student teachers from Aquinas College, Calvin College, Central Michigan University, Cornerstone University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University.

- The focus of the speech was on the importance of teaching and what makes a great teacher.

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o Network of Michigan Educators Steering Committee

- The Network continues to make plans for the annual Conference and Recognition Banquet, "Connections for Action: Courage to Teach, Courage to Lead," at the Lansing Radisson Hotel on December 7/8, 2006

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o Visits to Detroit Public Schools

Discussed ASSIST and effective mentoring at the Harris Building Leadership Academy

Taught small group reading lessons to first graders

Tutored students on math concepts (3rd - 5th grade)

Led writer's workshop and conferencing with 5th graders

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o Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)

o State Board of Education Meeting

o Participated in the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group