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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Melody Arabo, 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- 1/16/15 – Visited Erin Klein’s second grade classroom at Cranbrook Elementary to see a 21st Century learning environment. Erin Klein is an award winning teacher, presenter, and blogger of the well-known teaching blog, Kleinspiration.
- 1/19/15 – Supervised the 3rd-5th grade Keith Caring Community Club (KC3) volunteers who helped during the Walled Lake Martin Luther King Diversity Celebration at Walled Lake Northern High School.
- 1/20/15 – Presented my math fact system called Mastering Math Facts to 3rd-5th grade teachers from Beacon Elementary and Tyrone Elementary in Harper Woods.
- 1/21/15 – Launched *Diary of a Real Bully* through a series of grade level author visits at Keith Elementary. This event was covered by the Detroit Free Press, the Oakland Press, the Spinal Column, and the West Bloomfield Beacon.
- 1/21/15 – Named one of three finalists for the top spot of Oakland County’s Elite 40 Under 40. Met with County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, along with the other two finalists to discuss the role and the program.
- 1/26/15 – Guest speaker at the Junior National Honor Society Leadership Summit at Walnut Creek Middle School.
- 1/27/15 – Participated in a Twitter chat on teacher leadership with a focus on mentoring new teachers.
- 1/28/15 – Facilitated a Bully Prevention Workshop with KC3 3rd-5th graders to identify bully actions, practice problem solving strategies, and develop Bully Proof Ambassadors to be leaders in our school.
- 1/29/15 – Hosted a Galileo Alumni Dinner at Keith Elementary with teachers, administrators, and district leaders to discuss the future of teacher leadership roles and opportunities.

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- 1/30/15 – Presented to superintendents about teacher leadership at a Galileo Board Meeting in Bloomfield Hills.
- 2/3/15 – Will spend the day visiting Lamphere Schools and present my teacher leadership journey to staff.
- 2/4/15 – Will attend the Oakland County State of the County Address with L. Brooks Patterson.
- 2/6 and 2/7/15 – Will present at NovaNow Conference at Kent Innovation High in Grand Rapids.