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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 2016
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Rick Joseph, Michigan Teacher of the Year
SUBJECT: Report of Michigan Teacher of the Year

On March 4, I met with Senator Phil Pavlov and discussed meaningful professional learning opportunities for teachers and the role National Board Certification could play in providing equitable access to excellent educators.

On March 7, I delivered a keynote speech and facilitated a professional learning experience on students with ADD/ADHD at the Fire-Up Conference for student teachers at Grand Valley State University.

On March 9, I delivered a professional learning experience on literacy in the content area at Vandercook Lake School.

On March 10, I attended a day-long professional learning experience of the Job-Embedded Professional Learning Network at Clawson Middle/High School.

On March 11, I attended the MACUL conference on Grand Rapids.

On March 14, I delivered a keynote speech and facilitated a professional learning experience on students with ADD/ADHD at the ITEC Conference for cooperating teachers at Calvin College.

On March 15, I delivered a keynote speech at the Governor's Education and Economic Summit in Grand Rapids.

On March 17, I conducted a Teacher Lab professional learning experience at Covington School.

On March 21, I visited Drew Transition Center in Detroit with Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley and State Board of Education Member Michelle Fecteau.

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