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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

o First Year Teacher Workshop, Clinton RESA

The topic of the inter-active workshop was effective classroom strategies to ensure the engagement of all learners and Charlotte Danielson's fourth domain (involving parents and the community).

- Ensure that Michigan classrooms are staffed with high quality teachers and paraprofessionals under the direction of administrators who are committed to instructional excellence. Objective 3

o New Teacher Academy, Macomb ISD

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o Attended Delta Kappa Gamma recognition dinner and provided the Saturday evening keynote address.

The title of the keynote address was "Effective Educators for all Students."

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- Ensure that Michigan classrooms are staffed with high quality teachers and paraprofessionals under the direction of administrators who are committed to instructional excellence. Objective 3
- Attended American Federation of Teachers Quest conference and provided the Friday evening keynote address.

The title of the keynote address was "Closing the Achievement Gap."

- Identify and support practices, systems, and programs that sustain the social, mental, physical, and emotional growth of all students. Objective 2
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- Outreach to Detroit Public Schools: Butzel Elementary and Middle School, Maya Angelou Elementary, Coffey Elementary, Harris Building.

Discussed National Board Certification and encouraged teachers to begin the process during the 2007-2008 school year.

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- Attended Every Child Counts: Closing the Achievement Gap in Subgroups sponsored by Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

This conference highlighted the work of Ruby Payne. Also, districts/individual schools that were achieving progress discussed and shared their working strategies.

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- Visited the classroom of Mary Ellen Lowe, Logan Elementary, Detroit Public Schools

Ms. Lowe is the Wayne County RESA teacher of the year. She is teaching fourth grade. The purpose of the visit was to help facilitate and observe an inter-active drama based a Social Studies activity.

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- o **State Board of Education Meeting**
- o **Detroit Public Schools Board of Education Meeting**
- o **Attended National State Teachers of the Year recognition event in Washington, DC to receive further technology training. (Personal funds were used to pay for this trip.)**