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## **BOARD BRIEFS**

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*The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education, with web links to electronic versions of those items—as provided to the State Board.*

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **[State and Federal Legislative Report](#)**

The Board was provided with a legislative update since its April meeting.

The Board adopted the following motion related to legislation introduced by Representative Tim Melton:

“As the Legislature considers turnaround school legislation, the State Board of Education endorses mandatory action to intervene in chronically failing schools, and welcomes thoughtful legislation informed by effective turnaround schools practice in states and communities around the country.”

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **Presentation on Microsoft’s Michigan Partners in Learning Program**

In 2004, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the Michigan Partners in Learning partnership to strengthen the state’s capacity to develop successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century educators and learners. Michigan was one of four key states selected by Microsoft to develop projects that would benefit not only the state but would also be replicable across the country.

Mary Cullinane, U. S. Director of Innovation and Business Development for Microsoft Education Group; and Allyson Knox, Academic Program Manager; were at the meeting to share information on the partnership. Two key projects have resulted from this partnership: MI-LIFE (Michigan Leadership Improvement Framework Endorsement) and CareerForward.

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### **[Presentation on MI-SAS](#)**

The proposed accreditation system, renamed "Michigan School Accreditation System" (MI-SAS), was first reviewed by the Board at its December 9, 2008, meeting. At the May 12 meeting, staff presented information on MI-SAS as a result of public forums. The revised MI-SAS document and a summary of the feedback were provided for the Board's review. The reaction from the field was generally positive.

In the next month MI-SAS will be presented to Legislative Committees as required by law, and will be on the June Board agenda for approval.

[Click here for the PowerPoint presentation.](#)

### **[Presentation on the Michigan Nontraditional Route to Teacher Certification](#)**

The Michigan Nontraditional Route to Teacher Certification (MNRTC) is modeled on successful programs in other states as well as lessons learned from the previous "Michigan Alternative Routes to Teacher Certification" program. Michigan's efforts to recruit talented individuals from diverse backgrounds for teaching have resulted in the "Michigan Nontraditional Route to Teacher Certification." The Office of Professional Preparation Services received many inquiries seeking a program such as that being proposed by the Nontraditional Route. The MNRTC will be available for public input during May and June and will be returned to the Board later this summer.

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### **[Presentation on Michigan Equity Plan Update and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers](#)**

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act and the U. S. Department of Education require the Michigan Department of Education to publicly report on the equitable distribution of highly qualified teachers. The report provides the data to fulfill this requirement. The report indicates that 98% of the classrooms in Michigan are taught by highly qualified teachers.

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### **[Presentation on the Three-Year Reports on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Results for 2005-2008](#)**

The Michigan Test for Teacher Certification basic skills and content tests are required for teacher certification in Michigan. The current report provides individual teacher preparation institutions and aggregate content-area test pass percentages for 2005-2008 as well as the three-year comparison. The MTTC content tests are intended to improve the quality of Michigan teachers. Content tests are developed using standards that are aligned with and support Michigan's K-12 Curriculum

Framework and Benchmarks, as well as Grade Level Content Expectations, and the High School Content Expectations. In addition, the tests are aligned with national professional specialized associations' standards.

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### **Presentation/Discussion on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009**

The MDE continues to receive guidance regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. MDE staff provided an update on new information since the April Board meeting.

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## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent notified the Board that he has approved the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District and Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency plans for the delivery of special education programs and services. In addition, the Superintendent provided the State Board with information on the following grants that have been awarded by the MDE.

- [2008-2009 Reading First – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Initial](#)
- [2008-2009 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Amendment](#)
- [2008-2009 Mathematics and Science Partnership \(MSP\) Grant Program \(Title II \(B\)\) – Amendment](#)
- [2009-2010 Mathematics and Science Partnership \(MSP\) Grant Program \(Title II \(B\)\) – Amendment](#)

## **REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-09 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a report on her activities over the last month both in her Hudsonville classroom and as Michigan Teacher of the Year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

As part of its Consent Agenda, the Board approved criteria for the (1) [No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part A\(3\): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants](#); and (2) [Great Start Readiness Program Eligibility](#).

In addition, the [Board approved its Expense Report for January-March 2009](#); and adopted a resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week (October 19-23, 2009).

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of the Board is June 9, 2009.  
The July 14, 2009, meeting has been cancelled.

This publication is an effort to provide information on State Board of Education meeting highlights. The Board is interested in your feedback. Please direct your feedback to Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at [hamiltone@michigan.gov](mailto:hamiltone@michigan.gov).