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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring the
2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Matinga Ragatz, who represented Michigan teachers during the 2010-2011 school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 23, 2011, honoring the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION
MATINGA RAGATZ
2010-2011 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Matinga Ragatz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Pre-Law and a Masters in the Art of Teaching degree from Marygrove College; and

WHEREAS, Matinga Ragatz has been a social science and world language teacher for 18 years at Grand Ledge High School in the Grand Ledge Schools; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Matinga Ragatz as the 2010-2011 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragatz has shared her passion for the teaching profession, her vision for innovative teaching and use of technology in the classroom, and her passion for global learning throughout her tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragatz has shared her enthusiasm for using technology in the classroom with other teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragatz was honored as one of two finalists for the 2009 MACUL Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragatz has served as an educational tour director to Spain, Morocco, Germany, Italy, England, Canada, Greece, Turkey, China, Japan, Mexico and several states in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its Task Force on Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Ragatz and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.