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January 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of five persons nominated to fill organizational membership vacancies, three names nominated to fill At-Large vacancies, and four nominations designated as Alternates by their respective organizations. The biographical resumes of those persons nominated as Delegates, At-Large members and Alternates to the SEAC are found in Attachment C.

Staff will return to a subsequent Board meeting for approval of nominations to fill the remaining vacancies on the SEAC.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve five organizational nominees, three At-Large nominees and four Alternates as listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 23, 2012, to the SEAC for the terms specified.

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**ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Organization	Acronym
1. American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2. Association for Children’s Mental Health	ACMH
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6. Michigan Alliance for Families	MAF
7. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
8. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
9. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
10. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
11. Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
12. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
13. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATEDC
14. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
15. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
16. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
17. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
18. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
19. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
20. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
21. Michigan Education Association	MEA
22. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
23. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
24. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

In addition to the organizational seats, eight At-Large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education. Presently, there are seven At-Large vacancies to be filled. The Board is being asked to fill three of those vacancies at this time. Four At-Large vacancies remain for approval at a subsequent Board meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and
their Respective Terms of Service**

Name	Representing	Length of Term
Sharon Dusney	Michigan Association of School Psychologists	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Bruce Ferguson*	Autism Society of Michigan	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Patricia McNeill	Michigan Association For Supervision and Curriculum Development	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
John Searles ¹	Michigan Association of School Administrators	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Richard Spring	Michigan Association of Teacher of Children with Emotional Impairments	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Vacant	Michigan Association Secondary School Principals	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Vacant	Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Latika Fenderson^	American Federation of Teachers Michigan	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014
Linda E. Myers^	Michigan Education Association	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2013
Melissa Nantais^	Michigan Association of School Psychologists	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Lori Swan*^2	Autism Society of Michigan	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
Gary Brandt*2	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
Carrie Hanshaw*2	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
Chandra Jones*2	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
Vacant	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014
Vacant	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Vacant	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Vacant	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

¹Served one previous year on the SEAC²Served three previous years on the SEAC

*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

^Alternate

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Delegate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015

Name: Richard Spring	
Business Address:	Home Address: 8145 Grossman Road Manchester, Michigan 48158
Business Telephone:	Home Phone: 734-428-9425 Cell: 734-646-2098
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail: rspring72@hotmail.com
Present Position: Retired School Social Worker	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: School Social Worker, Ingham Intermediate School District, Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County RESA; Mental Health Worker, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health; Resident Care Aid, Traverse City Psychiatric Hospital	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	
Education: MSW, University of Michigan; BS, Eastern Michigan University; Associate of Arts, Northwestern Michigan College	
Miscellaneous Information:	
Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Alternate Term of Appointment: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014

Name: Latika Fenderson	
Business Address: 12225 Masonic Warren, Michigan 48093	Home Address: 19126 Ash Eastpoint, Michigan 48021
Business Telephone: 586-939-2290	Cell Phone: 313-408-4497
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail: latenderson@yahoo.com
Present Position: Special Education Teacher at Macomb ISD	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: American Federation of Teachers Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Active Parent Committee Member	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: certified teacher	
Education: MA, Education	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee
Michigan State Board of Education**

Alternate Term of Appointment July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Name: Lori Swan	
Business Address:	Home Address: 1275 N. Williamston Road Williamston, Michigan 48895
Business Telephone:	Home Phone: 517-896-3292
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail: aficlori@gmail.com
Present Position: Director, Autism Foundation of Ingham County	
Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Autism Society of Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):
Race:*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)
Prior Experience: Served on the SEAC for three years; Executive Board member of the SEAC; Co-Chairperson for Ingham County Parent Advisory Committee; Trustee for Autism Foundation of Ingham County	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	
Education: Masters Degree in Autism Spectrum Disorders	
Miscellaneous Information: I have two sons, one diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder	
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