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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Michigan High School Principals

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan 
Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 50th Annual United States Senate Youth Program

The 50th Annual United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by a United States Senate Resolution, will be held in Washington D.C. from March 3-10, 2012. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Students will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon, and the State Department. Each delegate will also be awarded a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) college scholarship for undergraduate studies, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the rules.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. Each high school in Michigan is invited to participate. The Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington week, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals. More program information can be found at www.ussenateyouth.org.

Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow will present certificates representing the scholarship award to our Michigan delegates during their visit to Washington. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be given to the delegates upon their arrival in Washington. I would urge your school district to participate in this outstanding program.

To view the 2012 brochure, you can visit www.michigan.gov/socialstudies. The application and qualifying exam can be obtained by contacting Connie McCall at mccallc@michigan.gov or 517-335-2957.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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