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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 Attended the Spring Planning Workshop for the 2007-2008 School Year, Office of School Improvement Field Services, Oakland Schools.

Provided welcoming comments.

- 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 Attended the Michigan State Police officer training program for school liaison officers from throughout the state.

Provided an interactive workshop on effective teaching strategies and classroom management.

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- o Attended Winship Elementary, Winterholter Elementary, Hanstein Elementary, Detroit Public Schools, staff meetings.

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

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- Attended meeting with Detroit Public Schools Interim Superintendent Lamont Satchel, and Interim Acting Deputy Superintendent Oscar Abbot.
 - The conversation centered on ways in which the district can best support classroom teachers to encourage effective instructional practices.
 - Identify and support practices, systems, and programs that sustain the social, mental, physical, and emotional growth of all students. Objective 2
- Interview on WDET radio, Detroit.
 - The focus of the interview was the many positive programs and effective teachers within Detroit Public Schools.
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- Visited Salem Elementary School, South Lyon Schools.
 - Salem utilizes a Student Support Team approach to identifying practices to improve student achievement while at the same time providing support to the classroom teacher.
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- Attended First Year Teacher Workshop, South Lyon Schools.
 - The topic of the inter-active workshop was effective classroom strategies to ensure the engagement of all learners and the use of Universal Design for Learning in lesson design and implementation.
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- Attended the Annual K-16 Symposium at Andrews University, Berrien Springs.
 - Met with 500 7th-12th graders. The topic of my presentation was maintaining high personal standards and selecting education as a career.

Met with the professors of the school of education. We had a round table discussion concerning the state of education today and the needs of first year teachers.

Met with classroom educators from the surrounding area. The topic of the presentation was effective teaching strategies and meeting the needs of all learners.

Met with parents and community members. Discussed global changes and the challenges facing us as we prepare our children to meet the needs of the future.

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- Visited Creative Arts/Gifted and Talented Academy, Benton Harbor.
 - The purpose of this visit was to offer a two-day workshop for all teachers at the Academy. The topics of the workshop included: effectively engaging parents, decreasing transition time and effectively engaging all learners, and Universal Design for Learning.
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- Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
- State Board of Education Meeting
- Participated in the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group
- Participated in stakeholders meeting for Individual Professional Development Plan