

WILLIAM A. MEHRENS

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens—a nationally recognized authority in the area of testing and measurement—has provided leadership and guidance to the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens has always been the voice of reason in the midst of controversy and conflict using his experience and knowledge to balance the perspectives of teachers, students, administrators, and policy makers while recognizing the need to answer the question, “How are our students doing?”; and

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens has always enjoined a balance among the interests of curriculum, instruction, and assessment, tempered with the rigors and demands of his discipline; and

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens—always an educator serving students and teachers—has served as a junior high school mathematics teacher, a high school counselor, and a faculty member within the college of education at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens—a prolific contributor in his field—has published countless books and articles and has held national leadership positions in professional organizations, receiving the National Council on Measurement in Education’s Award for Career Contributions to Educational Measurement; and

WHEREAS, William A. Mehrens has informed Michigan State University of his wish to retire effective June 29, 2001; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education gratefully acknowledges William A. Mehrens for his outstanding contributions to education in the State of Michigan and recognizes his personal efforts to provide advice and counsel regarding the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

Adopted May 17, 2001

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Superintendent