

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Inclusive Schools Week

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education celebrate our nation's progress in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, teachers in all schools recognize that each child is unique, learns differently, and, therefore, learns better if teaching is tailored to their abilities and interests and electronic and information technology is accessible; and

WHEREAS, teachers throughout Michigan are committed to providing all students a welcoming and inclusive environment in classrooms that include adaptive technology capable of successfully educating all children; and

WHEREAS, students will experience many transitions - from elementary to middle school, from middle to high school, and from high school to post-secondary education or work; and

WHEREAS, inclusive schools and communities guide students along a personalized and supportive path, which will ensure smoother transitions and ultimately, success; and

WHEREAS, teachers and families continually work to ensure that Michigan classrooms and schools provide equitable access and usability of electronic and information technology and are characterized as being high performing and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts to make our schools and classrooms high performing and inclusive, educators and families have contributed significantly to building a stronger and more inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their important achievement, teachers and families deserve to celebrate their progress and success; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education proclaims the week of December 7-11, 2009, as MICHIGAN INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK in conjunction with NATIONAL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK celebrating the theme, "Inclusive Technologies"; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serves as a fitting time for educators, students and parents in schools and classrooms across Michigan to celebrate progress in providing a supportive and quality education to all students, to discuss what else needs to be done to ensure continuing improvement in inclusive practices including consideration of the accessibility of electronic resources and information technology to promote student achievement, and to organize appropriate school and community activities in recognition of INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK.



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