

State of Michigan  
State Board of Education

**RESOLUTION**

**SUSAN GUTIERREZ  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
2002-2003**

WHEREAS, Susan Gutierrez graduated from Albion College in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and received a Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate in History and English; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1994, Susan Gutierrez served as a substitute teacher in grades 6 through 12 in several West Michigan school districts in the Kent County Intermediate School District; and

WHEREAS, Susan Gutierrez continued her post-graduate education at Michigan State University, receiving a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction in 1992 and a Master of Arts in K-12 Educational Administration in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Susan Gutierrez began her employment with the Forest Hills Public Schools as an eighth grade U.S. History teacher, and as a seventh grade gifted and talented educator in Eastern Hemisphere Studies; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Forest Hills Public Schools, Susan Gutierrez has received several accolades, including Forest Hills Public Schools Teacher of the Year in 2002, and the Grand Rapids Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers like Susan Gutierrez open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

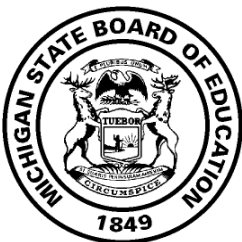
WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of Year program, and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its task force on Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Susan Gutierrez as the 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Susan Gutierrez and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.



Adopted May 22, 2003

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman