

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

DOROTHY "DOT" VANLOOY

WHEREAS, Dorothy VanLooy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics-Physics from Alma College, and a Master's Degree in Management from Aquinas College; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1991, Dorothy VanLooy held several positions in the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Technical Assistance and Evaluation, including Systems Analyst, Research Consultant, and Coordinator and Supervisor of the Office of Technical Assistance and Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy VanLooy served as Supervisor of the Department's Management, Transportation, and Safety Education Unit from 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 to 1998, Dorothy VanLooy served as the Supervisor of the Program Preparation and Continuing Education Division of the Office of Professional Preparation and Certification, until she was promoted as the Director of the Department of Education's new Office of Field Services; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Office of Field Services, Dorothy VanLooy built a brand new unit from the ground floor, developing and implementing a plan to hire new staff, training staff, setting operating goals, providing leadership to 41 staff members, and administering 10 federal and three state categorical programs totaling more than \$770 million; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy VanLooy has supervised a broad range of program areas such as the Michigan Accreditation Program, all Department of Education evaluation programs, Shiga Sister State Programs, Technical Assistance, Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), Periodic Review of all Michigan teacher preparation institutions, approval of teacher preparation programs, and school reorganization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Department of Education, Dorothy VanLooy is a member of several professional organizations, including the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, the Michigan Rural Education Association, and the National Rural Education Association; and

WHEREAS, through Dorothy VanLooy's leadership, the Office of Field Services has provided direct linkages between Department of Education technical consultants and local and intermediate school district personnel who have found the relationship beneficial; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy VanLooy has informed the State Board of Education of her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education as of March 31, 2003; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished educator; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Dorothy VanLooy its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children and families of Michigan; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Dorothy VanLooy enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement.



Adopted February 27, 2003

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman