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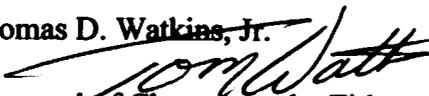
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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr. 

SUBJECT: Approval of Changes to the Titles of Vocational Education Teaching Certificates

In 1973, the State Board of Education approved rules for the certification of vocational education teachers. In a joint project beginning in the fall of 2002, the Office of Professional Preparation Services, within the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Office of Career and Technical Preparation, within the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG), worked collaboratively to develop recommendations to clarify the preparation of vocational teachers. An ad-hoc committee, representing all teacher preparation institutions with approved vocational programs, was convened in March and August 2003 to focus on issues related specifically to vocational technical education. The committee supported the following changes to the current titles of vocational education teaching certificates:

Current Certificate Title	Proposed Certificate Title	Comments
Annual Vocational Authorization	(no change)	For vocational educators, this authorization parallels the elementary or secondary teacher permits that school districts can request when a properly certified and endorsed teacher is not available to hire.
Temporary Vocational Authorization	Interim Occupational Certificate	For vocational educators, this certificate parallels the Provisional Elementary or Secondary Teaching Certificate. The current title does not connote the status of a certificate.
Full Vocational Authorization	Occupational Education Certificate	For vocational educators, this certificate parallels the Professional Elementary or Secondary Teaching Certificate. This change was previously made in Rule 390.1129a, but not in Rule 390.1164.

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To provide information on the proposed certificate changes, as well as on other recommendations from the ad-hoc committee, and to gather feedback from various stakeholders, a mailing was sent to all teacher preparation institutions, all school districts with career and technical education programs, and a random sample of other local and intermediate school districts (ISDs) in August 2003 inviting them to review the proposals, to respond to MDE or MDLEG staff with comments and suggestions, and to attend a discussion forum on September 25, 2003.

At the forum, these proposed changes to certificate titles were discussed, along with other proposals related to the preparation of teachers in the area of career and technical education. Approximately 76 individuals attended from teacher preparation institutions, professional associations, community colleges, intermediate school districts, and K-12 schools. Prior to the forum, the proposed changes were discussed with the Board-appointed Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) and the commission members were invited to attend the September 2003 forum. Michigan educators strongly supported the changes in the vocational certificate titles and the PSCT recommended approval.

Attachment 1 lists the individuals who helped craft the proposals related to Career and Technical Education and provides additional information regarding the proposal review process. Following Board approval, the new certificate titles will become a part of the package of proposed changes that will be disseminated for review and comment through the State's rule promulgation process.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve changes to the titles of vocational education teaching certificates, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2004.

**Individuals Who Contributed to the Development of the Proposal
to Create and Clarify Vocational Endorsements**

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August 2003 Distribution of Proposals Related to Career and Technical Education

Educational Organizations (* Indicates submission of a response)

- Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan
- Coalition of Michigan Subject Matter Education Organizations
- Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs
- * Family Consumer Science Educators of Michigan
- Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Michigan Association of Middle School Educators
- Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools
- Michigan Association of School Administrators
- Michigan Association of School Boards
- Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators
- Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
- Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development
- * Michigan Business Education Association
- * Michigan Career Leadership Network
- Michigan Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students
- Michigan Deans Council
- * Michigan DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)
- Michigan Education Association
- Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association
- Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel
- * Michigan Health Occupations Educators
- * Michigan Industrial & Technology Education Society
- * Michigan Marketing Education Association
- * Michigan School Counselors Association
- Middle Cities Education Association
- * North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- * Michigan Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Teacher Preparation Institutions (* Indicates submission of a response)

Adrian College	Marygrove College
Albion College	Michigan State University
Alma College	* Michigan Technological University
Andrews University	* Northern Michigan University
Aquinas College	Oakland University
* Baker College	Olivet College
Calvin College	Rochester College
* Central Michigan University	* Saginaw Valley State University
Concordia University	* Siena Heights University
Cornerstone University	Spring Arbor University
* Eastern Michigan University	University of Detroit Mercy
Finlandia University	University of Michigan
* Ferris State University	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Grand Valley State University	University of Michigan – Flint
Hillsdale College	University of Phoenix
Hope College	Walden University
Kalamazoo College	* Wayne State University
Lake Superior State University	* Western Michigan University
Madonna University	

Community Colleges (* Indicates submission of a response)

- * Alpena Community College
- * Delta College
- * Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- * Lake Michigan College
- * Lansing Community College
- * Macomb Community College

Intermediate School Districts (* Indicates submission of a response)

- * Allegan County Intermediate School District
- * Berrien Intermediate School District
- * Branch Intermediate School District
- C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District
- Calhoun Intermediate School District
- * Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District
- Clare-Gladwin Regional Educational Service District
- * Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency
- * Eaton Intermediate School District
- Genesee Intermediate School District
- Gratiot-Isabella Regional Educational Service District
- Hillsdale Intermediate School District
- * Ingham Intermediate School District
- Ionia County Intermediate School District
- Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency
- * Lapeer Intermediate School District
- Lenawee Intermediate School District
- Lewis Cass Intermediate School District
- * Macomb Intermediate School District
- * Manistee Intermediate School District
- Mason-Lake Intermediate School District
- Menominee Intermediate School District
- Midland County Educational Service Agency
- Oakland Schools Intermediate School District
- Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
- Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency

Local School Districts (* Indicates submission of a response)

- Aisha Shule/WEB Dubois Preparation Academy
- Albion Public Schools
- * Arenac Eastern Schools
- Avondale School District
- Bad Axe Public Schools
- * Battle Creek School District
- * Bedford Public Schools
- Beecher Community Schools
- Big Bay De Noc School District
- * Birmingham School District
- Bloomfield Township School District #7F
- Bridgman Public School District
- Canton Charter Academy
- Caseville Public Schools
- Cesar Chavez Academy
- Clinton Community Schools
- Comstock Public Schools
- Crossroads Charter Academy
- Detroit Public Schools
- East Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Easton Township School District #6
- Escanaba Area Schools
- Ewen-Trout Creek Schools
- * Flint Community Schools
- Gull Lake Community Schools
- Inland Lakes Schools
- Iron Mountain School District
- Jackson Public Schools
- * Lansing School District
- * Leslie Public Schools
- Lincoln Park Public Schools
- Litchfield Community Schools
- Livingston Technical Academy
- * Livonia Public Schools
- Ludington Area School District
- Manistee Area Public Schools
- Mesick Consolidated Schools
- * Monroe Public Schools
- * Mount Pleasant Public Schools
- New Beginnings Academy
- * Niles Community Schools
- * Ottawa Lake-Whiteford Agricultural Schools
- Pontiac School District
- Questar Academy

Continued - Local School Districts (* Indicates submission of a response)

- Republic-Michigamme Schools
- * Saginaw Township Community Schools
- * Shoreline Academy of Business and Trades
- Southgate Community Schools
- St. Louis Public Schools
- * Utica Community Schools
- * Wayne-Westland Community Schools
- Webberville Community Schools

School Districts with Career and Technical Education Programs

Information on the proposed standards was also sent by e-mail to a mailing list maintained by the Office of Career and Technical Preparation. This list includes career and technical education administrators, teachers, school department heads, and community college and teacher preparation institution faculty.

Note: additional responses were received anonymously.