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GOVERNOR

July 26, 2004

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., *Chairman*  
*Tom Watkins*

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group

Several vacancies have occurred on the following State Board of Education advisory groups due to resignations or expiration of terms:

**ADVISORY GROUPS**

**VACANCIES**

Professional Standards Commission for Teachers

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Nominations were solicited for membership categories in which vacancies have occurred. At the State Board of Education's request, nominees were asked to submit a one-or two-paragraph statement of their philosophy as it relates to the responsibilities of the advisory group. The persons listed below have been nominated by the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan (AICUM), Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel (MFTSRP), Michigan Education Association (MEA), and Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for appointment to the following State Board advisory groups. Biographical resumes are provided in Attachment 1. The purpose and current membership of this advisory group are provided in Attachments 2 and 3.

**Professional Standards Commission for Teachers**

Thomas Langdon (MASA) is recommended in the category of Administrator to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2006, due to the resignation of Kathryn Malnar.

David Hamilton (AICUM) is recommended in the category of Higher Education for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008. He will replace Delinda Crane, whose term expired June 30, 2004.

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Russell Kirksey (MASB) is recommended in the category of Local School Board for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008, as a reappointment to his present term which expired June 30, 2004.

Judy Brune (MEA) is recommended in the category of Teacher/Teacher Association for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008, as a reappointment to her present term which expired June 30, 2004.

Nancy Shaw (MEA) is recommended in the category of Teacher/Teacher Association for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008, as a reappointment to her present term which expired June 30, 2004.

David Ascher (MEA) is recommended in the category of Teacher/Teacher Association to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2005, due to the resignation of William Bell.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education:

1. appoint Thomas Langdon to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2006;
2. appoint David Hamilton to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008;
3. reappoint Russell Kirksey, Judy Brune, and Nancy Shaw to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for four-year terms ending June 30, 2008; and
4. appoint David Ascher to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2005, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2004.



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Dr. David Hamilton Biographical Resume

Nomination for Professional Standards Commission for Teachers  
(Name of Advisory Committee)

1. **Name** David Hamilton
2. **Address** 88 Oak Hill Drive  
Concord MI 49237
3. **Present Position** Dean School of Education, Spring Arbor University
4. **Business Address** Spring Arbor University, School of Education  
Spring Arbor, MI 49283
5. **Telephone:**  
**Home:**  
**Business:** 517 750 6418
- E-Mail Address** Hamilton@admin.arbor.edu
6. **Nominating Organization** Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan
7. **Race\* (Optional)** **Sex\* (Optional) Male**
8. **Prior Experience** See attached – item 2
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:** See attached – items 5 and 7
10. **Education** See attached - item 1

## Philosophy

I believe that my philosophy of education bridges a gap perceived by many in the role of education in society. Although I am a firm believer in accountability, I do not believe that test scores per se should be the ultimate indicator of what a child knows or doesn't know. Furthermore, since many tests only measure two of the nine intelligences, I firmly believe in authentic assessment that measures deep learning and critical thinking and skills.

Nor do I believe that all education should point to attendance at a four-year college or university. Although all students need the skills for the transition from school to work, or school to school to work, the educational needs of students are as varied as their interests, talents, and abilities. Like Dewey, I believe that curriculum should begin at the point of the "child's felt need" and that students learn best by doing. I would hasten to add, however, that without proper reading, writing, and computation skills students find themselves at a decided disadvantage in both educational and vocational endeavors.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**David Hamilton, Ph.D.**  
 Dean of the School of Education  
 Professor of Education  
 Appointed 1988

**Professional Experience**

1996-Present	Spring Arbor University	Dean of the School of Education
1994-1999 & 2000-2001	Spring Arbor University	Director, Graduate Studies in Education
1988-Present	Spring Arbor University	Professor of Education
1989-1996	Spring Arbor University	Director of Teacher Education
1984-1988	Spencerport Central Schools, NY	Chair, Foreign Language Department
1968-1988	Spencerport Central Schools, NY	French Teacher
1981-1988	Roberts Wesleyan College, NY	Assistant Professor (1/4 load), French

**Professional Board Assignments for the State of Michigan**

1992-1996 & 2000-Present	Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Council by Appointment of the State Board of Education
1996-Present	Executive Board of MACTE (Michigan Association of Colleges of Teacher Education - 8 Member Board)
1992-1996	Liaison from Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Council to Professional Standards
1996-2000	Professional Standards Commission for Teachers by Appointment of the State Board of Education (2 members from higher education)
1996-Present	Executive Board of the Michigan Coalition of Essential Schools (1 of 2 members from higher education)
1999	Chair, State Accreditation Team to Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Offices Held for the State of Michigan**

1994-1996 & 1998-Present	Chair, Deans and Directors of Education for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan (AICUM)
1995-1996	Co-chair, Periodic Review /Program Evaluation Council
1996-1997 & 2003-2004	Secretary/Treasurer, of DARTEP (Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs - 31 public and private colleges and universities represented)
1997-1998 & 2004-2005	President, DARTEP
1997-2004	Treasurer, Executive Board of MACTE
2004	President Elect, Executive Board of MACTE
2002-2003	Vice President, Michigan Coalition of Essential Schools
2003-Present	President, Michigan Coalition of Essential Schools

**Other Professional Activities**

1991-Present	Member of Jackson County Superintendents' Association
1994	Co-authored White Paper on Mentoring of New Teachers in Michigan
1995-1996	Represented AICUM at the National Conference of the National Association for State Departments of Teacher Education Council
1995-1997	Board of the School To Work Commission for Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee Counties
1995-Present	Board of the Western School District Partnership Task Force
1996-1999	Jackson County Intermediate School District Curriculum Advisory Council

- Presented a White Paper for the MACTE on the Periodic Review Process for the State of Michigan
- 1996 Featured Presenter on the Urban Learner – Jackson High School Faculty
- 1996 Workshop Presenter on At-Risk Students for Jackson Public School Administrators
- 1996 Steering Committee and Served as a Facilitator for a Joint State Conference of the MACTE, the ATE, the MEA, the MFT, and the State Department of Education
- 1997 Education Advisory Board for the Jackson Community Foundation
- 1996-1997 Presenter, Induction of New Teachers for Bedford School District
- 1996-Present Member of a Three Person Team of a Featured Presentation of the National ATE Conference – “Teachers for the New Millennium – A Template for State Reform”
- 1996-1998 Long Range Strategic Planning Steering Committee – Jackson Public Schools
- 1997-Present Presenter, Multicultural Teaching Strategies (in charge of series of workshops required for all new teachers in Jackson Public Schools)
- 1997, 1999, & 2000 Featured Opening Day Speaker for Local School Districts
- 1999 Chaired the Spring Conference for the MACTE - “Implementing NCATE 2000 Standards”
- 1999 Consultant for the Search for the Superintendent of Jackson Public Schools
- Feb. 2000 & March 2001 Invited to be a Featured Presenter at the National Conference of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
- 1999-2000 Presenter, Induction of New Teachers in the Jackson County Intermediate School District
- Sept. 2001 Presenter – NCATE National Workshop “Recruitment and Retention of Minority Students”
- 2001 Consultant with the Kellogg Foundation on Funding Partnerships Between Universities and the Community
- 2001-2002 Chair, Business Fellowship Council (Partnership among Business, Higher Education and K-12 Schools in Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee Counties)

**Spring Arbor University Activities**

- 1989-1996 Academic Affairs Committee
- 1989-Present Chair, Teacher Education Advisory Councils (Main campus, Alpena-1998, and Petoskey-2001)
- 1990 Featured Presenter Faculty Workshop Opening School Year at Spring Arbor University
- 1990-Present Led Ten Cross-cultural Trips to Europe & Central America – Including the European Semester Abroad (a segment)
- 1991, 1996, 1999 Co-authored Institutional Report submitted to NCATE
- 1991-1996 Developed Three New Courses for the Education Program (one undergraduate and two graduate courses)
- Presenter for a Workshop for the Spring Arbor University Faculty – Cooperative Learning in the College Classroom
- Co-authored the Proposal to Add a Master’s Degree in Education/North Central Accreditation
- 1994-1999 & 2000-2001 Graduate Education Committee
- 1994-Present Chair, Minority Student Recruitment and Retention Committee

- 1995-Present Coordinated Expansion of the Education Program to Off-campus Sites (Gaylord, Alpena Community College University Center, Glen Oaks Community College University Center, North Central Michigan College University Center - Fall 2000, Metro-Toledo, Great Lakes Christian College – Fall 2000, and Jackson Community College – Fall 2000)
- 1995-1996 Community Standards Task Force for Spring Arbor University
- 1995-Present Deans' Council
- 1996-1997 Steering Committee for the North Central Accreditation Visit
- 1998 Presenter to the University Faculty on Learning Styles of Minority College Students
- 1998-1999, & 2000-Present Graduate Council
- 2000-Present Academic Senate
- 2001-Present Wrote Grant to the Michigan Department of Education and Received Funding for Diversity Initiatives

**Community Activities and Memberships**

- 1969-1981 Varsity Coach for Men's Tennis and Men's Volleyball – Spencerport High School
- 1972-1976 Executive Committee of the Spencerport Teachers' Association and Chair of the Spencerport High School Teachers' Association
- 1986-1988 Member of the School Board of Churchville-Chili School District and Monroe County School Board Legislative Committee
- 1986 Presenter for Conference Called by New York Commissioner of Education on Effective Schools Research

**Honors**

- 1994 Faculty Merit Award for Spring Arbor University
- 2002 Selected to Who's Who Among American Teachers

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## Russell Kirksey Biographical Resume

Nomination for Professional Standards Commission for Teachers  
(Name of Advisory Committee)

1. **Name:** Russell Kirksey
2. **Address:** 7581 Paradise Drive; Grand Blanc, MI 48439
3. **Present Position:** Retired from General Motors Truck Group  
Supplier Quality Assurance
4. **Business Address:**
5. **Telephone:** Home: 810 695 1548  
Business:
- E-Mail Address: russkirks@aol.com
6. **Nominating Organization:** Michigan Association of School Boards
- Race\* (Optional) Sex\* (Optional) Male
8. **Prior Experience:**  
Possess thirty years of experience in operations, inspection, reliability, supplier quality engineering, and program project management.
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:**  
Board of Education Grand Blanc Community Schools (1993 – 2006)  
Michigan Association of School Boards  
Vice Chair, Education Issues Committee, Michigan Association of School Boards
10. **Education:** Masters Industrial Management; Bachelors Social Science; Business;  
General Motors CEU Programs

### Philosophy

From my experience on the Grand Blanc Community Schools Board of Education and from the information and discussion on the subject taking place at meetings of the MASB Education Issues Committee, I believe the charge to the Professional Standards Commissions for Teachers is critical, and timely. An effective teacher is the most important determinant of student achievement, and the policies the Commission develops can, and must, enhance this. The importance of these efforts is now being underscored by new requirements for "highly qualified teachers" mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

These efforts should focus on the recruitment of the best possible candidates for the profession, and then on the roles and systems of teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities. The latter must include effective assessment mechanisms of prospective teachers, particularly during student teaching experiences. And, especially in the crucial first years in the classroom, establishment of effective mentoring with them using the best veteran teachers in the district. I further believe that teacher development should be a lifelong professional experience so that new and more effective techniques, technology, and advances in substantive fields will constantly enhance the teachers' impact and success in the students' success and achievement in learning and in life.

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## Judy Brune Biographical Resume

Nomination for Professional Standards Commission for Teachers  
(Name of Advisory Committee)

1. **Name:** Judy Brune
2. **Address:** 4350 E. Belding Road  
Belding, MI 48809
3. **Present Position:** Teacher of Severely Multiply Impaired/Medically Fragile  
Ionia ISD
4. **Business Address:** 2190 Harwood Road, Ionia, MI 48846
5. **Telephone:** Home: 616-761-3792  
Business: 616-527-2921  
**E-Mail Address:** jbrune@ionia-isd.k12.mi.us
6. **Nominating Organization:** Michigan Education Association
7. **Race\* (Optional)** Caucasian                      **Sex\* (Optional)** Female
8. **Prior Experience:** Taught for 6 years at Ionia ISD
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:** MEA and former member Council  
for Exceptional Children Member
10. **Education:** Associates Degree – Montcalm Community College; Bachelor of Science, Grand Valley  
State University; Masters in Special Education, Grand Valley State University; Special Education  
Administrator Certificate; and certification endorsements for Elementary Education, Emotional  
Impairment, Mental Impairment, and Early Childhood
11. **Miscellaneous:** PPI Approval Gubernatorial Recognition at University Commencement

### Philosophy

I would like the opportunity to serve on the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers. I think it is vital that actual practitioners in the field of education should be involved in setting standards for their profession. As a special education teacher with certifications in Elementary Education, Mental Impairment, Emotional Impairment, and Early Childhood/PPI, I feel I should offer valuable insights into proposed standards, current best practices, and recommendations for teacher training and certification.



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## David Ascher Biographical Resume

Nomination for Professional Standards Commission for Teachers  
(Name of Advisory Committee)

1. **Name:** David Ascher
2. **Address:** 6804 Harvest Court, South Lyon, MI 48178
3. **Present Position:** Sixth grade teacher at Novi Community School District
4. **Business Address:** Novi Meadows Elementary School, 25549 Taft Road,  
Novi, MI 48374
5. **Telephone:** **Home:** 248 437 1267  
**Business:** 248 449 1270
- E-Mail Address:** Ascherdk@peoplepc.com
6. **Nominating Organization:** Michigan Education Association
7. **Race\*** (Optional) **Sex\*** (Optional) Male
8. **Prior Experience:** National Board Certified Teacher, "Parenting with Love and Logic;"  
facilitator for Novi Community Education Program and South Lyon You Assistance, and participant  
Galileo Leadership Consortium
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:**  
National Education Association, Michigan Education Association, and Novi Education Association
10. **Education:** Bachelor of Science, Purdue University; Masters in Education Administration, Michigan  
State University; Masters in Curriculum, Michigan State University
11. **Miscellaneous:** Various roles and responsibilities at First United Methodist Church.

### Philosophy

My philosophy of education is based on reflection, curiosity, responsibility, and respect.

In 1966, the rock and roll group, The Byrds, recorded a Bob Dylan song entitled, "My Back Pages." The refrain of this song recounts how the composer views himself as knowing less now than in the past:

*I was so much older then. I'm younger than that now.*

Willis Dann, my influential high school algebra teacher, stated one day, "the more you know, the more you should realize how little you know." I'm fairly confident that Mr. Dann was not a Dylan fan, but the sentiment of both phrases seems to be the same. I was never entirely sure what Bob Dylan or Mr. Dann meant, but now that I'm in my eleventh year of teaching, I've come to have a few insights into their thinking. Bob Dylan and Mr. Dann understood that learners need to reflect on what they have learned in order to improve their skills and knowledge. At the same time, learners are responsible for being curious on what they can and should learn. This means that the possibilities are limitless. Finally, all of this needs to happen in an environment where people respect each other's differences, strengths, and weaknesses. Teachers, I feel, help create the environment where reflection, curiosity, respect, and responsibility are admired and fun.

**The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT)  
(SBE Appointed)**

**Charge:** The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers is charged by the State Board of Education to:

Investigate and recommend standards of professional practice to improve the quality of the teaching profession;

- Develop and recommend standards for the implementation of teacher internships, student teaching programs or other clinical teaching experiences for persons preparing to become teachers;

Review and recommend changes related to the continuing education and recertification of teachers; and

- Review and recommend changes in policies related to the revocation of teaching certificates.

**Composition:** The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers should be comprised of fifteen members as follows:

- Ten teachers, nine of whom must be public school teachers, one must be an intermediate school district teacher, and one must be a nonpublic school teacher.
- Two representatives of higher education institutions.
- One school administrator.
- One representative of a local school board.
- One representative of the general public.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS (PSCT)****APPOINTMENT LIST – September 2003**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>INITIAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATOR (1)</b>			
Dr. Kathryn Malnar (MASA) Hudson Area Schools 781 North Maple Grove Avenue Hudson, MI 49247	9/12/02	4 years	6/30/06
<b>GENERAL PUBLIC (1)</b>			
Mr. Harrison Blackmond Blackmond Givens Group 407 East Fort Street, Suite 407 Detroit, MI 48226	9/12/02	4 years	6/30/06
<b>HIGHER EDUCATION (2)</b>			
Ms. Delinda Crane (AICUM) Siena Heights University 1247 East Siena Heights Drive Adrian, MI 49221	12/14/00	4 years	6/30/04
Dr. Jo-Ann Snyder (Presidents Council) Wayne State University College of Education Room 221 Detroit, MI 48202	8/20/97 7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
<b>ISD TEACHER (1)</b>			
Ms. Carole Turner (MEA) 58 Oakridge Drive Marquette, MI 49855	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
<b>LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD (1)</b>			
Mr. Russell Kirksey (MASB) 7581 Paradise Drive Grand Blanc, MI 48439	4/24/03	4 years	6/30/04

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>INITIAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
<b>NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER (1)</b>			
Ms. Barbara Stork (MANPS) 885 Sunrise Park Drive Howell, MI 48843	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
<b>TEACHER/TEACHER ASSOCIATION (8)</b>			
Mr. William Bell (MEA) 8876 Winter Dove Drive Commerce Township, MI 48382	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Vivian Davis (MEA) 1216 Kendale East Lansing, MI 48826	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Judy Brune (MEA) Ionia Intermediate School District 2190 Harwood Road Ionia, MI 48846	1/16/00	4 years	6/30/04
Ms. Rosa Johnson (MEA) 1206 East Preston Mt. Pleasant MI 48858	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Lois-Lofton Doniver (MFTSRP) 16545 Shaftsbury Detroit, MI 48219	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
George Adams (MFTSRP) 18225 Rosemond Detroit MI 48219	8/28/03	4 years	6/30/04
Ms. Susan Pagen (MEA) P.O. Box 2573 East Lansing, MI 48826	9/12/02	4 years	3/30/05
Ms. Nancy Shaw (MEA) Livonia Public Schools 32401 Pembroke Livonia, MI 48152	1/16/00	4 years	6/30/04