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TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
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FROM: Mike Flanagan,  Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Michigan School Support Person of the Year Award Program

The State Board of Education and I are pleased to invite you to participate in the Michigan School Support Person of the Year Award Program (SSPOY).

School support personnel are integral partners in ensuring optimal learning environments for our children. They make a huge difference each and every day. We believe it is important to recognize the great work these staffers do.

The purpose of the SSPOY Award is to honor outstanding support personnel for their contributions to the success of the learning community and to focus public attention on the importance of school support personnel.

Detailed information regarding the nomination and selection processes can be accessed on the Department's website at: www.michigan.gov/sspoy.

Nomination portfolios are **due to regional coordinators on November 21, 2008**.

The timeline for the 2008-2009 program is included within the operations manual on the website. Questions regarding the SSPOY Program may be addressed to Ms. Jean M. Shane at shanej@michigan.gov or 517.241.2375.

We are grateful to MEEMIC Insurance Company (www.meemic.com) for the corporate support it provides for this program. MEEMIC will provide a monetary gift to the SSPOY's school and also to the state-level finalists' schools. See the attached MEEMIC fact sheet.

I encourage you to join the effort to recognize exemplary school support staff. Please pass this information along to your school parents, teachers, and human resource directors. Thank you.

Attachment

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MEA, MEMSPA, MSBO, Operating Engineers, Teamsters,
UAW, United Steelworkers

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