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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate District Superintendents and Principals, Public School Academies, Educational Organizations, Nonpublic School Administrators, Institutions of Higher Education

FROM: Kathleen N. Straus, President *Kathleen*

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

In recognition of the innumerable contributions of Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore to education policy, school improvement, and healthy schools for all students, the State Board of Education at its April 17, 2003, meeting, approved the creation of the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award. Dorothy served as a member of the State Board of Education for 16 years (1985-2000). She passed away on May 2, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

The award is to be given annually to a person for (1) providing volunteer leadership in developing education policy, or positively impacting the education system; or (2) contributing to the improvement of education through involvement on local, state, or national commissions, task forces, or significant leadership or community organizations; and (3) volunteering at the local, state, or national level.

The State Board of Education is seeking nominations for the 2010 award. Guidelines have been developed in order to provide consistency to the nomination process. The guidelines are available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2007_Beardmore_Service_to_Education_Award_operatio ns_manual_192028_7.doc. The deadline for submission of the nominations for 2010 is **Friday, October 29, 2010**. A selection committee will be appointed to review the nominations and select a recipient for the award, with presentation at a future State Board of Education meeting.

Feel free to contact Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at 517/373-3900 or hamiltone@michigan.gov, if you have any questions regarding the process.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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