

**State of Michigan
State Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

**OWEN BONDONO
2020-2021 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams;

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and their efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors;

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Owen Bondono, a 9th Grade English Language Arts teacher at the Oak Park High School 9th Grade Learning Community in Oak Park Schools, as the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Owen Bondono and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted August 11, 2020