

State of Michigan  
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR MICHIGAN'S PHASE TWO  
RACE TO THE TOP APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education has adopted as its 2009-2010 Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students"; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's phase two Race To The Top application to the United States Department of Education supports and addresses the Board's Priorities for 2009-2010 including:

- Continue to reimagine the pre-K-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the State Board of Education's expectation for student achievement
- Continue to review and improve Michigan's teacher preparation system
- Continue to advocate and promote high school reform, with an emphasis on rigor, relevance, relationships, and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education believes that Race To The Top represents a critical opportunity for Michigan to engage in the essential reforms that are needed to develop the state's workforce and stimulate education innovation that will accelerate and increase student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is committed to adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy; building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction; recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most; and turning around our lowest-achieving schools; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Race To The Top application includes many bold, yet achievable initiatives that advance the State Board of Education's framework and foundation for policy direction, *Universal Education: Vision and Principles* and will benefit all students in Michigan now and into the future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education proudly supports Michigan's phase two Race To The Top application and encourages local school district superintendents, board presidents, and labor leaders across the state to support the application and sign their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect the broad efforts to move Michigan's education system forward.



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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction