

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

Resolution Honoring Dr. Venessa Keesler

LET IT BE KNOWN, Dr. Venessa Keesler has served Michigan's children as Deputy Superintendent in the Michigan Department of Education since 2012;

WHEREAS, Dr. Keesler earned her B.A. in Sociology from Harvard University and her Ph.D. in Measurement and Quantitative Methods from Michigan State University;

WHEREAS, she joined the Michigan Department of Education in 2010 and held the positions of consultant, manager, and office director within the Michigan Department of Education prior to her role as Deputy Superintendent;

WHEREAS, Venessa has been a supporter of Michigan students and has advocated for improvement of academic outcomes for all students;

WHEREAS, Venessa has served in her role as Deputy Superintendent with dedication, perseverance, and intelligence. She is a staunch supporter of her staff and recognizes the talents that lie within each person. She has a passion for education, educators, and students;

WHEREAS, Venessa's knowledge, leadership, and guidance have truly made a difference for the department as well as for Michigan students;

WHEREAS, Venessa has accepted a position outside of state government and has announced her departure from the Michigan Department of Education, effective November 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education extends to Venessa its regard and gratitude for the dedication and expertise that she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents and caregivers, their schools and districts, and the Michigan citizens that her work has affected; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education wishes Venessa much success in her next endeavor and a future full of laughter, happiness, and good health with family and friends.

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