

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION

NORMA JEAN SASS

WHEREAS, Norma Jean Sass held the position of Chief Deputy Superintendent to the Michigan Department of Education from August, 2015 to January, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean earned a Master of Reading Instruction and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean brought a variety of educational experiences to the position of Chief Deputy Superintendent as Associate Superintendent of Elementary Instruction, Special Education, Assessment, Bilingual and Compensatory Education for Dearborn Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean held additional leadership roles as Literacy Consultant, Elementary Principal and Director of Curriculum and Staff Development in Farmington and Dearborn Public School Districts; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean's love of literacy and learning have been demonstrated across the state in a variety of positions, which included her teaching career in Detroit Public Schools, and teaching preschoolers through undergraduate and graduate college students; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean has taken pride in developing and implementing a renowned multi-age/multi-cultural program, two district instructional coaching programs, and numerous innovative literacy initiatives throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean provided leadership at the Michigan Department of Education in development of the initiative Top 10 in 10 Years, Putting Michigan on the Map as a Premier Education State; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean has been an energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated person with a passion for education, educators and people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean has been married 43 years to her husband David and loves their three children and their families. She is a doting grandmother to her five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean is an animal lover and has one very spoiled Great Dane who is in training as a therapy dog.

WHEREAS, Norma Jean has a passion for art, particularly watercolor and acrylic painting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Norma Jean Sass its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the Michigan citizens her work has affected and impacted; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its enthusiastic wish that Norma Jean Sass continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with her family and friends.

Adopted January 10, 2017