

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

Resolution Honoring Sheila A. Alles

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Alles was appointed Interim State Superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education by the State Board of Education on May 8, 2018, following the passing of State Superintendent Brian J. Whiston. With this appointment she became the first woman to hold that esteemed position in the 182-year history of State Superintendents in Michigan;

WHEREAS, Prior to the appointment as Interim State Superintendent, Sheila A. Alles had been the Chief Deputy Superintendent for the Michigan Department of Education since May 2017; with one of her biggest priorities being to continue the implementation of Michigan's Strategic Plan to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years;

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Alles successfully dedicated her time as Interim State Superintendent to providing continuity and stability in the Michigan Department of Education between Superintendent Whiston's passing and the appointment of the permanent State Superintendent, and to maintaining the momentum Superintendent Whiston started, in making Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years;

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Alles complemented those goals by working with Michigan Department of Education leadership to develop, establish, and implement Three Priorities: Prenatal to Age 8 (P-8), Whole Child, and Literacy – designed to sharpen the focus in the department; increase cross-agency work within the department; and explicitly link that work to Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Alles has brought a wealth of educational and leadership experiences to the Michigan Department of Education, having spent the first half of her career in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools where she taught the full range of students at the elementary school level, and gained administrative experience there as a curriculum coordinator and curriculum director; then culminating her school district career at Livonia Public Schools, where her administrative positions included elementary principal, director of elementary instruction, director of academic services, and chief academic officer;

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Alles received her Bachelor and Masters degrees in Early Education from the University of Michigan; and an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Administration and Supervision from Wayne State University;

THEREFORE, Let It Be Resolved, that the State Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation to Sheila A. Alles for her service to the State Board of Education, Michigan Department of Education, and educators and students across Michigan as Interim State Superintendent; and honors the work, vision, dedication, and integrity in which she carried out her duties, functions, and responsibilities.

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