

State of Michigan  
State Board of Education  
RESOLUTION

**Russ Clark**  
**Michigan's 2019 Education Support Staff Professional of the Year**

WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to pay tribute to Russ Clark, who was named Michigan's 2019 Education Support Staff Professional of the Year by Michigan's State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education, with support from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan (AFT-Michigan), and the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

WHEREAS, Russ Clark is a bus driver at Rockford Public Schools, who has served in this position for the last eight years and continues to maintain an unyielding commitment to the cognitively impaired students whom he transports, their parents and guardians, and the district as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honor Russ Clark as the 2019 Education Support Staff Professional of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Russ is known for his ability to care for, motivate, and inspire his students, as well as other support staff and educators, to embrace challenges and grasp difficult concepts through his unique and imaginative interactions with students; and

WHEREAS, Russ continues to recognize the importance of interactions between students and education support staff professionals throughout the school year and beyond and has never lost his interest, his enthusiasm, or his commitment to the ideals of supporting the education community; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported education support staff professionals over the years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Russ Clark and the thousands of education support staff professionals in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's education support staff professionals to continue to educate and positively influence the children of today to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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