

**State of Michigan
State Board of Education**

RESOLUTION

**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
50th ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, SEMCOG, is a voluntary council of governments for Southeast Michigan, spanning Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has grown from 59 charter members to more than 170 members, including cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, community colleges and all seven counties; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG helps develop and promote regional solutions in infrastructure, transportation, traffic flow, business growth, workforce education, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG partnered with the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) to assemble in 2017 an Education Reform Task Force whose report *Providing Quality Education for All Students* offered strong recommendations to inform the actions needed to provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality education from early childhood through post-secondary attainment to prepare academic, career, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG was formed in 1968 and therefore celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, or SEMCOG, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2018. May your next 50 years bring even more successes as you strive to: improve educational outcomes; diversify the regional economy, and bolster local communities; improve transportation and infrastructure; and enhance parks and recreation amenities, while collaborating on emerging issues such as an aging population and the integration of autonomous vehicles.

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