State of Michigan State Board of Education RESOLUTION

Michigan School Principal's Week

February 9-13, 2009

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, the school principal plays a central role in creating an environment conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education acknowledges the challenges of 21st Century teaching, leading, and learning; and

WHEREAS, the school principal acts as the liaison between the school and the community it serves, and ensures that parents and taxpayers are aware of student achievements; and

WHEREAS, the expectations for principal leadership within schools have increased greatly in the past decade, including quality and accountability for all children; and

WHEREAS, energetic and inspiring school leadership are essential if schools, teachers, students, and support staff are to achieve excellence; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Michigan School Principal's Week is to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership in the school and the valuable contribution of the school principal to the success of the learning community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education supports Michigan School Principal's Week, and encourages each school and community to appropriately recognize their principal during the week of February 9-13, 2009, and the vital role the principal plays in the success of all students.

Kathleen N. Straus, President

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