

**State of Michigan
State Board of Education**

Resolution Honoring Sheila A. Alles

LET IT BE KNOWN, Sheila A. Alles joined the Michigan Department of Education as Chief Deputy Superintendent in March 2017; was appointed Interim State Superintendent by the State Board of Education on May 8, 2018 serving until August 1, 2019; and returned to the Chief Deputy Superintendent position until her retirement on July 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, Sheila Alles became the first woman to hold the esteemed position of state superintendent during the 182-year history in which the position had existed prior to her appointment;

WHEREAS, Sheila Alles exceeded her goals to provide stability within the Department following the passing of former State Superintendent Brian J. Whiston until the appointment of State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice, and to continue the momentum to make Michigan a top ten education state;

WHEREAS, Sheila Alles has left a lasting impact on education in Michigan by providing leadership to update and implement Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan, to guide intermediate and local school districts through a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, and to transform the Michigan Department of Education from a compliance focused to a customer service organization;

WHEREAS, Sheila Alles 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 and middle school levels, 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 Alles earned her Bachelor degree in Elementary Education and Masters degree in Reading from the University of Michigan, and Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Wayne State University;

WHEREAS, Sheila Alles has served with dedication, passion, and grace during her more than 46 years supporting students in public education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education extends to Sheila Alles its highest regard and gratitude for the dedication and expertise that she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents and caregivers, their schools and districts, and the Michigan citizens that her work has affected; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education wishes Sheila a well-deserved retirement full of happiness and good health with family and friends.

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