

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Sheila A. Potter

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelors degree in English and education from Michigan State University, Sheila A. Potter began her career in 1970 as an educator in the Lansing School District as a teacher of English and reading consultant; and

WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1988, Sheila A. Potter worked as an English and speech teacher at Eastern High School in the Lansing School District, while earning a masters of arts in reading instruction (K-12) from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Sheila A. Potter began her career with the Michigan Department of Education as a Chapter One Reading Consultant, Compensatory Education, taking a leave from 1990 to 1991 to work as a reading specialist at Woodcreek Elementary School in the Lansing School District; and

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Potter returned to the Michigan Department of Education in 1993 to work as its English Language Arts Consultant, and later as English Language Arts Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Michigan Department of Education in the field of English and language arts, Sheila A. Potter has been active in state school reform activities as a staff developer and presenter of topics related to Michigan's English language arts curriculum, instruction, and classroom assessment; and has written numerous articles for Michigan educational journals, as well as a booklet, titled "Portrait With Wings: A Student Literacy Portfolio"; and

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Potter was co-director of the Michigan English Language Arts Framework from 1993 to 1998, was one of the developers of the Michigan Curriculum Framework, and has served as a member of the executive boards of both the Michigan Reading Association and the Michigan Council of Teachers of English; and

WHEREAS, during her 11 years of public service, Sheila A. Potter has tirelessly worked to assist local and intermediate school districts in their efforts to implement the Michigan Curriculum Framework, to design curriculum in English language arts, to integrate content standards across subject areas, and to coordinate statewide training for the Michigan Literacy Progress Profile, one component of the Reading Plan for Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Sheila A. Potter has informed the Michigan Department of Education that she will retire from her active career in education effective October 31, 2001; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished educator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Sheila A. Potter its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the schools, children, and families of Michigan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Sheila A. Potter enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement, and that she continues to be active in her community.



Adopted October 18, 2001

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman