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TO: All Wayne County School District Board of Education Members

FROM: Chris Wigent, Wayne RESA Superintendent

DATE: January 4, 2012

RE: School Board Recognition Resolution

Happy New Year! January is the month that brings us a new calendar year and it is my hope that 2012 will be a healthy and prosperous year for all of you. The month of January is also special because it is the time of year that we annually celebrate the great work that is being done by school boards throughout the State of Michigan. As we are all painfully aware, these are very difficult times for school districts in our state. The political and fiscal pressures are immense, and everyone is doing all that they can to more with less. It is important that you know that the effort and commitment that you continually demonstrate is critical if every single one of the 310,000 children will be "career or college ready" by the time they graduate from our high schools.

At the December meeting of the Wayne RESA Board Education, the Board approved the enclosed "Local School District Board of Education Recognition Resolution." This resolution represents our continued appreciation for your efforts and a public acknowledgement of your dedication to public school education in Wayne County.

The MASB theme: "School Boards Lead Strong" is certainly demonstrated on a continual basis in Wayne County and we want you to know that your efforts are noticed and greatly appreciated!

cc: District Superintendents

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Local School District Board of Education
Recognition Resolution

January, 2012

WHEREAS, the education of our youth provides for their success, as well as the economic, social and intellectual well-being of our State; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education of the constituent school districts of Wayne County recognize and embrace their role in providing quality education for all children attending school in these districts; and

WHEREAS, these committed public servants demonstrate dedication to their civic duty and voluntarily contribute countless hours of service on behalf of the students of Wayne County; and


WHEREAS, we are in the midst of some of the most challenging times in the history of public education in Michigan both politically and fiscally; and

WHEREAS, local control continues to be of great importance and plays a vital role in the success of public education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, and the State Board of Education have declared January, 2012 as School Board Recognition Month,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education in the spirit of the School Board Recognition Month theme, "School Boards Lead Strong", recognizes, celebrates and commends the dedication, contributions and leadership of the Wayne County School Boards of Education.

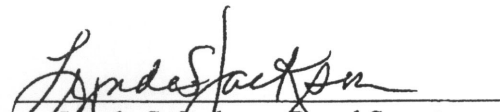
Presented and Adopted, December 21, 2011



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STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to more than 600 boards of education that work to enrich the lives of Michigan's students through education and directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and,

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 states that providing for the education of Michigan's children is a fundamental duty of state government; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional men and women who have committed themselves to this duty by governing school districts and advancing student achievement in the schools and communities in which they serve; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Department of Education, local school districts and community organizations to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions of local school boards and school board members throughout Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as Local School Board Recognition Month in Michigan.



Rick Snyder

Rick Snyder
Governor





STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

December 1, 2011

Dear School Board Members:

The education of our youth is the foundation upon which the future of our great state depends. Local school boards play an important and vital role in that foundation, and the decisions you make directly influence the success of our public schools. In January, during School Board Recognition Month, we thank and honor the contributions of our state's local boards of education.

We understand the hundreds of hours each year you dedicate to leading your districts. The volunteer hours you spend deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; listening to staff, parent and student concerns; and championing the cause of public education all affect the present and future lives of children. The work that you do sets the bar high and prepares all students to be competitive in the 21st Century knowledge economy.

Local boards of education are vital in leading Michigan forward through dedication and focus on student achievement. Thank you for your leadership and for setting high standards that challenge all students.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Flanagan
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

John C. Austin
President, State Board of Education

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