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TO: All Wayne County School District Board of Education Members

FROM: Chris Wigent, Wayne RESA Superintendent

DATE: January 3, 2011

RE: School Board Recognition Resolution

On behalf of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education and staff, I would like to take the opportunity during this special board recognition month to thank you for your service and dedication to the students of Wayne County. The 270,000 students of Wayne County need and deserve the highest quality education possible, if we are truly going to ensure their future success. Your commitment to this goal both in the local district that you serve and throughout Wayne County, continues to be critical as we move forward together during the upcoming year.

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

Once again, congratulations on a job well done and a sincere thank you for your past and future service. Your efforts truly embody the MASB theme: "School Boards LeadStrong."

cc: District Superintendents

**Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education**

**Local School District Board of Education  
Recognition Resolution**

**January, 2011**

**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

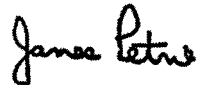
**WHEREAS**, these committed public servants demonstrate dedication to their civic duty and voluntarily contribute countless hours of service on behalf of the students of Wayne County; and

**WHEREAS**, 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, 2011 as School Board Recognition Month,

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

Presented and Adopted, December 15, 2010



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James Petrie, Board President



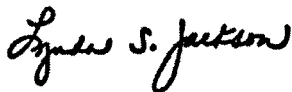
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Mary E. Blackmon, Board Vice-President




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James S. Beri, Board Secretary



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Lynda S. Jackson, Board Treasurer



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Kenneth E. Berlinn, Board Trustee

***Proclamation Declaring January 2011  
Local School Board Member Recognition Month***

*ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN*

*I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2011  
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH*

*WHEREAS, Providing a quality education for our children is an  
unmistakable priority of our state government, as asserted by Article  
VIII, §2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and*

*WHEREAS, Our democracy gives the chief responsibility of managing,  
preserving and enriching our public schools to local elected school  
boards; and*

*WHEREAS, Each year, local school board members contribute hundreds  
of hours of service through curriculum and policy development, hiring  
first class personnel, managing district finances and listening to  
concerns across their respective communities; and*

*WHEREAS, These upstanding public servants set the standard for civic  
responsibility in and outside the classroom; and*

*WHEREAS, Local School Board Member Recognition Month is an  
opportunity to strengthen the community relationships we need for  
strong schools and is an apt expression of Michigan's sincere  
appreciation for its local school board members;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby  
proclaim January 2011 Local School Board Member Recognition Month  
in Michigan and encourage local school districts and community leaders  
to recognize our dedicated local school board members.*

*RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR*

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Local School Board Member Recognition Month  
January 2011

WHEREAS, providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and

WHEREAS, local board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts – whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs – board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21<sup>st</sup> Century knowledge economy; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and demonstrate to the students they serve the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

WHEREAS, the theme – School Boards LeadStrong – reflects the efforts of these board members who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and preserving the core of our democratic nation; and

WHEREAS, Local School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of women and men who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education recognize the contributions of the state's local boards of education to the academic success of public school students, and express its sincerest appreciation to local board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education declare January 2011 as Local School Board Member Recognition Month in Michigan, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated local school board members.



Adopted November 9, 2010

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction