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**State Board of Education Statement on
Governor's 21st Century Education Commission
Guiding Principle 9 – Update K-12 Governance**

The State Board of Education acknowledges the March 10, 2017 release of the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission Report. The document is comprehensive and displays the significance of educational leadership in improving education outcomes. The State Board of Education is committed to doing its part well: providing leadership in K-12 and higher education through its constitutional authority.

We believe that the Constitution's provision for a publicly elected body supervising public schools is a critical component for transparency and continuous oversight of education policy. It is essential that the voice of Michigan's citizens – including its families, students and educators – be respected and heard as part of the state's framework for improving our education outcomes. An elected State Board of Education ensures community engagement, and provides the strongest possible conduit between the state's financial and policy making responsibilities with local instructional control.

Therefore, we oppose the elimination or gubernatorial appointment of the State Board of Education.

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