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GLEP Endorses 17 Additional General Election Candidates *Leading education advocacy group names 60 “Champions for Kids” running for State Senate and House of Representatives in the 2014 general election*

Lansing, MI – The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) today announced the endorsement of 15 additional candidates running for the State Senate and House of Representatives this year.

“We’re proud to endorse these outstanding individuals,” said Gary Naeyaert, GLEP Executive Director. “Political elections are critical to the public policy process, and we urge voters to closely examine each candidates’ positions on key issues before voting,” Naeyaert continued.

GLEP’s endorsement process includes an examination of past voting records, personal interviews and results from the organization’s extensive candidate questionnaire. It should be noted that priority issues for GLEP include school choice and early literacy, while there are a number of education policy issues for which endorsed candidates may hold a variety of positions, including K-12 funding, Common Core State Standards, student assessments, etc. Including today’s announcements, GLEP has endorsed a total of 60 candidates in the 2014 General Election.

“We’re confident these candidates will be forceful advocates for children, and we’re pleased to endorse and support their campaigns,” said Beth DeShone, GLEP Advocacy Director.

Candidates endorsed by GLEP include the following, with new endorsements in **bold**:

- **Senate District #07: Senator Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton)**
 - **Senate District #13: Former Rep. Marty Knollenberg (R-Troy)**
 - Senate District #14: Senator Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc)
 - Senate District #16: Rep. Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake)
 - Senate District #17: Rep. Dale Zorn (R-Ida)
 - Senate District #21: Senator John Proos (R-St. Joseph)
 - Senate District #22: Senator Joe Hune (R-Hamburg)
 - Senate District #25: Senator Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair Township)
 - Senate District #26: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton)
 - Senate District #28: Rep. Peter MacGregor (R-Cannon Township)
 - Senate District #29: Senator Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell)
 - Senate District #30: Senator Arlan Meekhof (R-West Olive)
 - **Senate District #31: Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville)**
 - Senate District #32: Former Rep. Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth)
 - **Senate District #35: Senator Darwin Booher (R-Evart)**
 - Senate District #36: Rep. Jim Stamas (R-Midland)
 - Senate District #37: Rep. Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City)
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- House District #09: Rep. Harvey Santana (D-Detroit)
- House District #17: Charles Londo (R-Carleton)
- House District #19: Laura Cox (R-Livonia)
- House District #21: Carol Ann Fausone (R-Canton)
- House District #24: Rep. Anthony Forlini (R-Harrison Twp)
- House District #25: Nick Hawatmeh (R-Warren)
- House District #26: Greg Dildilian (R-Royal Oak)
- **House District #32: Rep. Andrea LaFontaine (R-Richmond)**
- **House District #36: Peter Lucido (R-Shelby Township)**
- House District #38: Kathy Crawford (R-Novi)
- House District #39: Rep. Klint Kesto (R-Commerce Township)
- House District #42: Lana Theis (R-Brighton)
- **House District #43: Jim Tedder (R-Clarkston)**
- House District #44: Jim Runestad (R-White Lake)
- House District #45: Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills)
- House District #46: Rep. Brad Jacobsen (R-Oxford)
- House District #47: Hank Vaupel (R-Fowlerville)
- **House District #50: Craig Withers (R-Grand Blanc)**
- House District #56: Jason Sheppard (R-Temperance)
- **House District #58: Eric Leutheuser (R-Hillsdale)**
- **House District #59: Aaron Miller (R-Sturgis)**
- House District #61: Brandt Iden (R-Kalamazoo)
- **House District #62: John Bizon (R-Battle Creek)**
- **House District #63: Dave Maturen (R-Portage)**
- House District #64: Rep. Earl Poleski (R-Jackson)
- **House District #65: Brett Roberts (R-Charlotte)**
- House District #66: Rep. Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton)
- **House District #67: John Hayhoe (R-Holt)**
- House District #71: Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte)
- House District #72: Rep. Ken Yonker (R-Caledonia)
- House District #73: Chris Afendoulis (R-Grand Rapids)
- House District #74: Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R-Walker)
- House District #76: Donijo DeJonge (R-Grand Rapids)
- House District #79: Rep. Al Pscholka (R-Stevensville)
- House District #86: Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons (R-Alto)
- House District #89: Rep. Amanda Price (R-Holland)
- House District #90: Daniela Garcia (R-Holland)
- **House District #91: Former Rep. Holly Hughes (R-Montague)**
- House District #94: Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Twp)
- House District #99: Rep. Kevin Cotter (R-Mt. Pleasant)
- House District #101: Rep. Ray Franz (R-Onekama)
- **House District #105: Triston Cole (R-Mancelona)**
- **House District #107: Lee Chatfield (R-Petoskey)**

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