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## **GLEP Announces Staff Additions**

***Gary Naeyaert and Megan Danielson to join Beth DeShone at statewide advocacy organization aimed at supporting quality choices in public education***

**Lansing, MI** – The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) today announced a staff expansion as the organization broadens their impact on policy, legislation, communications and political campaigns in Michigan.

“Too many children are being failed by an education system badly in need of reform,” said Jim Barrett, GLEP Chairman and former President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. “With Gary and Megan joining Beth on our staff, we will work aggressively to help more kids access the quality education options they deserve,” he continued.

As of July 1, 2013, GLEP staff will include the following professionals:

- **Gary G. Naeyaert, Executive Director:** Gary has been a legislative and communications advocate for thirty years, most recently at the Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at CMU and the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA). Previously he worked at the Michigan Road Builders Association; the Michigan Department of Transportation; Creative Media, Inc.; and Marketing Resource Group. A 1983 graduate of James Madison College at MSU, Gary and his family live in Mason.
- **Megan Danielson, Finance Director:** Megan spent 10 years at the Michigan Republican Party, most recently as Finance Director and coordinator of the annual Mackinac Conference. Her experience includes campaign finance, major donor programs and event management. A 2003 graduate of Hope College, Megan lives in Okemos.
- **Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director:** Beth, who has been with GLEP since 2011, was previously a legislative staffer and/or campaign consultant for Dick DeVos for Governor; Dick Posthumus for Governor; the Michigan Republican Party; State Senators Michelle McManus, Bev Hammerstrom and Mat Dunaskiss. A 1999 graduate of James Madison College at MSU, Beth and her family live in Laingsburg.

The GLEP Board of Directors consists of Jim Barrett, Betsy DeVos and Greg McNeilly. Additional staff additions may be announced in the coming months.

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*The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) is a bi-partisan, non-profit advocacy organization supporting quality choices in public education for all Michigan students. For more information, please visit [www.glep.org](http://www.glep.org)*