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## **GLEP Endorses 24 Candidates in Legislative Races**

### ***Bi-partisan education advocacy group makes more campaign endorsements***

**Lansing, MI** – The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) today announced additional endorsements in a number of campaigns for the State Senate and State House of Representatives.

“We’re very proud to endorse these outstanding individuals in these races,” said Gary Naeyaert, GLEP Executive Director. “Political elections are hard fought contests. We urge every voter to take a good look at their past records and positions on key issues and make the important decisions about which candidates to support,” Naeyaert continued.

Candidates endorsed by GLEP today include the following:

- Senate District #02: Rep. John Olumba (D-Detroit)
- Senate District #14: Senator Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc)
- Senate District #26: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton)
- Senate District #29: Senator Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell)
- Senate District #30: Senator Arlan Meekhof (R-West Olive)
  
- House District #07: Nicole Wells-Stallworth (D-Detroit)
- House District #09: Rep. Harvey Santana (D-Detroit)
- House District #11: Lisa Hicks-Clayton (D-Dearborn Heights)
- House District #17: Charles Londo (R-Carleton)
- House District #19: Laura Cox (R-Livonia)
- House District #21: Carol Ann Fausone (R-Canton)
- House District #25: Nick Hawatmeh (R-Warren)
- House District #38: Kathy Crawford (R-Novı)
- 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 #61: Brandt Iden (R-Kalamazoo)
- House District #64: Rep. Earl Poleski (R-Jackson)
- House District #66: Rep. Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton)
- House District #72: Rep. Ken Yonker (R-Caledonia)
- House District #74: Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R-Walker)
- House District #89: Rep. Amanda Price (R-Holland)
- House District #94: Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Twp)
- House District #101: Rep. Ray Franz (R-Onekama)

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

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.

Today’s endorsements are in addition to the [9 early endorsements made by GLEP](#) on April 21, resulting in a total of 33 endorsed candidates so far in 2014. Additional endorsements will be made in the future.

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*For more information about the Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP), a bi-partisan advocacy organization supporting quality choices in public education, please visit [www.glep.org](http://www.glep.org).*

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