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## **GLEP Announces Jase Bolger as New Board member** ***Former House Speaker joins board of statewide advocacy organization aimed at supporting quality choices in public education***

**Lansing, MI** – The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) today announced that former House Speaker Jase Bolger will be joining the organization’s Board of Directors.

As a board member, Bolger will participate in leading the organization as it continues to impact policy, legislation, communications and political campaigns in Michigan.

“We are thrilled to be adding someone with Jase Bolger’s background, experience and skills to our Board of Directors,” said Jim Barrett, GLEP Chairman and former President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. “He’ll make a real difference for kids from day one,” Barrett continued. Other GLEP board members include Betsy DeVos and Greg McNeilly.

“I’ve been impressed with GLEP’s track record and passion in advocating for quality educational choices for children, and I’m excited to join their fight to make sure all Michigan kids have the opportunity to succeed,” said Bolger.

Bolger founded Tusker Strategies, LLC, a boutique consulting firm that offers research, idea development, relationship building and strategic advice for political and public policy success to organizations in Michigan and across the country. His primary focus remains keeping Michigan’s economy thriving so future generations can find careers and keep their families in the state.

An entrepreneur who was also actively involved in his community, Bolger served as a Calhoun County Commissioner for four years prior to his first election to the House of Representatives in 2008. As a testament to his leadership, Bolger was selected by his colleagues to serve as Speaker of the House from 2011-2014.

Bolger graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of Business Administration with a dual major in Finance and Political Science. He is married to Molly, his high-school sweetheart, and the Bolger’s have two children, Nicholas and Megan.

The GLEP staff includes Gary Naeyaert, Executive Director; Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director; and Cody Bailey, Outreach Director.

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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 children. For more information, please visit [www.glep.org](http://www.glep.org)*

***Supporting quality choices in public education.***