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GLEP Endorses 12 More Candidates in 2016 House Campaigns *Leading education advocacy group makes additional campaign endorsements*

Lansing, MI – The Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP) today announced endorsements of an additional 12 candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives in 2016.

“We’re confident these candidates will be forceful advocates for children in the legislature, and we’re pleased to endorse and support their campaigns,” said Gary Naeyaert, GLEP Executive Director. Candidates endorsed today by GLEP include the following:

- District #17: Joe Bellino (Monroe)
- District #20: Jeff Noble (Plymouth)
- District #33: Jeff Yaroch (Richmond)
- District #64: Julie Alexander (Hanover)
- District #72: Steve Johnson (Shelbyville)
- District #79: Kim LaSata (St. Joseph)
- District #83: Shane Hernandez (Port Huron)
- District #86: Thomas Albert (Belding)
- District #100: Scott VanSingel (Grant)
- District #101: Curt VanderWall (Ludington)
- District #102: Michele Hoitenga (Manton)
- District #106: Sue Allor (Wolverine)

“We urge voters to examine past records and positions on key issues to make the important decisions about which candidates to support,” said Beth DeShone, GLEP Advocacy Director.

GLEP’s endorsement process includes past voting records, personal interviews and results from a candidate questionnaire. Priority issues for GLEP include school choice and early literacy, while endorsed candidates may hold various positions on K-12 funding, curriculum standards, assessments, etc.

Today’s endorsement is in addition to the [41 GLEP-endorsed incumbents and candidates that were successful in the August primary](#), resulting in a total of 53 GLEP-endorsed candidates on the November 8 general election ballot. Additional endorsements may be announced in the future.

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