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To Whom It May Concern:

Sherry Sparks has worked tirelessly on behalf of the gifted throughout the twenty years I have known her. As a gifted individual herself, she understands their inner workings and ensures they flourish in a world that may not recognize or understand them.

Sherry will continue her success raising student achievement, career readiness, and teacher preparation – all important components of improving education. Her commitment to transforming Michigan's gifted and talented students into future leaders will enrich their lives and impact our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Flanagan", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom of the signature.

Mike Flanagan
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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