



# FIGHT CRIME: Invest in Kids Michigan

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**FROM:** Donna Aberlich, Deputy Director, and Executive Committee Members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids *Michigan*

**DATE:** August 27, 2013 / 10 - 2 - 13

**SUBJECT:** Common Core Standards for Michigan

As you address standards for core subject competencies, the more than 500 law enforcement leaders who are members of FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS *Michigan* urge you to consider the crime prevention benefits of continuing the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Michigan.

Today, young men who have not received a good education are increasingly unable to find employment with reasonable wages. Almost 7 in 10 inmates in our state prisons lack a diploma or graduate equivalent degree. Research shows that long-term changes in wages and employment opportunities among non-college educated men may explain as much as half of property and violent crime rates.

Law enforcement leaders know that Michigan students need an education that prepares them for the future and reduces the likelihood they will turn to a life of crime. Research shows that almost seven out of ten inmates in state prisons around the nation failed to graduate from high school. We need to do everything possible to prepare kids for success in school and life.

The CCSS initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The CCSS establish a rigorous set of standards for what students should learn in English language arts and mathematics to be prepared for higher education or for entry into the workforce. The standards are critical to success in today's economy, which requires workers to have mastered core academic content, and be able to think critically, solve problems and communicate effectively.

POLICE CHIEFS, SHERIFFS, PROSECUTORS, OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS, AND VIOLENCE SURVIVORS PREVENTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

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Along with the CCSS, which have been voluntarily adopted by a total of 45 states and the District of Columbia, states are developing assessments based on the CCSS. The assessments will allow educators to determine student achievement and to use this information to improve education.

Common Core State Standards allow public schools to share best practices and lessons learned by looking at how students are doing in school and using this information to improve education.

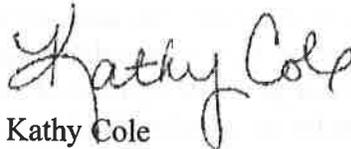
Law enforcement not only has a vested interest in seeing more successful young people avoid involvement in crime, we also have a vested interest in having highly-educated young people to draw on for our future officers. Michigan's Common Core can help produce the level of trained individuals we will increasingly need to protect the public.

We can and must do more to ensure Michigan students are college and career ready and that they are competitive with their peers nationwide. The continued implementation of Michigan's Common Core Standards are not only a step towards improving our schools, they are also integral to preventing future crime. Student success and crime prevention go hand-in-hand. Law enforcement leaders support the implementation of Michigan's Common Core Standards.

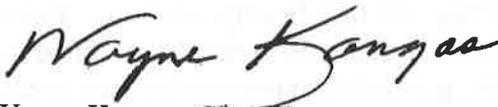
Sincerely,



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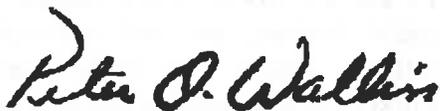
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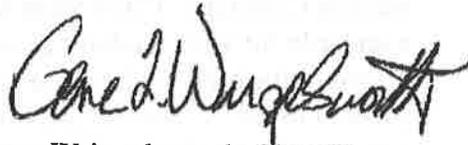
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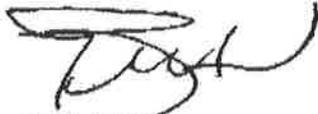
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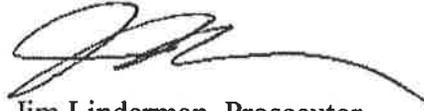
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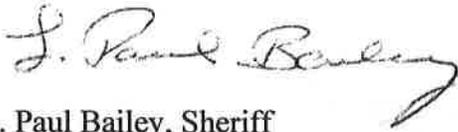
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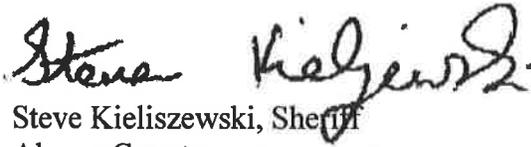
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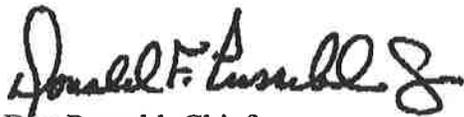
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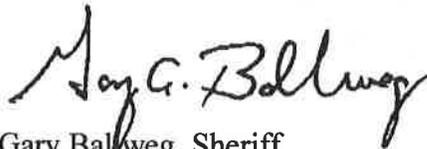
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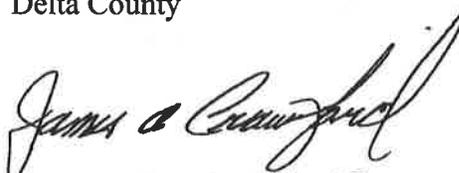
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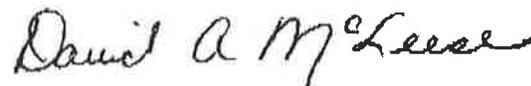
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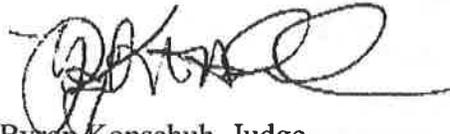
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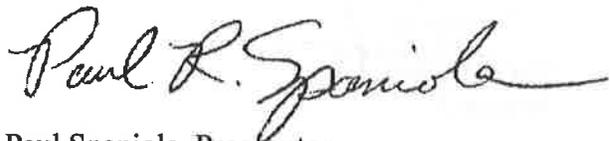
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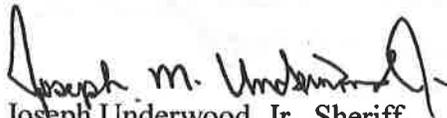
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