

## MEMORANDUM

To: MLCC Board of Directors

From: Government Affairs Committee

Date: March 14, 2013

Subject: Muskegon County's Blue Ribbon Committee – Focus for Education

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The following statement related to Muskegon County's Blue Ribbon Committee – Focus for Education initiative is being submitted by the MLCC Government Affairs committee to the MLCC board for approval.

### **Proposed Position & Recommendation:**

The Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce endorses Muskegon County's Blue Ribbon Committee's vision and the four data-driven goals this group is recommending.

#### Vision:

Creating a clear focus for community leaders based on the common goals, which will lead to more powerful investments of resources, significant educational gains, and result in an attractive, well prepared career-and college-ready job force to stimulate economic growth in Muskegon County.

#### Goals:

1. Provide access to Preschool (3 \* 4 year olds) for ALL who desire it
2. Have ALL students proficient in reading and math by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as measured via state standardized tests
3. Provide Early College access for ALL who desire it
4. Provide Career Development/Awareness via work-based placement