Michigan Chamber of Commerce Announces Endorsements for State Board of Education

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced its endorsement of John Austin and Scott Jenkins for the State Board of Education.

"Based upon their background, experience and position on key education issues, both Scott and John are clearly the best candidates for the State Board of Education," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley. "We're confident that they share a vision for the future and will provide the bi-partisan leadership to keep Michigan's educational system moving forward."

"It is critical that the State Board of Education works to protect the graduation requirements adopted in 2006 and commits to ensuring that every Michigan student will graduate from high school ready for college and career," adds Jim Holcomb, Vice President of Business Advocacy & Associate General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "Mr. Austin and Mr. Jenkins have a strong commitment to education excellence."

Jenkins is the former education policy advisor for Governor John Engler and Austin has served on the Board of Education for the past eight years. Both have been strong advocates for raising academic expectations, accountability and innovative public school options and choice.

"These two candidates have the experience and leadership qualities needed to help guide the education system in our state now and into the future," noted Studley.

Survey research has shown that the Michigan Chamber's endorsement is one of the most important a candidate can receive.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 7,100 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process. It is only one of four state chambers of commerce in the nation accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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