

Rep. Shirkey offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 311.

A resolution to express support for the Eaton Rapids School District and its plan for a Small School Nature Academy.

Whereas, The Eaton Rapids School District and school board are in the process of authorizing a charter school that will redefine the approach to learning and teaching. This innovative Montessori education model will provide students with a learning environment that encourages creativity and academic quality; and

Whereas, The Small School Nature Academy curriculum will focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (the STEM subjects), as well as agriculture. Innovation and research will be part of the program through partnerships with universities, social service agencies, and businesses. The training that students will receive will prepare them for future jobs in a wide variety of fields; and

Whereas, The Eaton Rapids School District will use existing facilities, including a building on 25 acres of land with trails, ponds, and a small amphitheater. Students will experience hands-on learning as they grow food and perform project-based lab science. The school will foster a true "no child left inside" approach to learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express support for the Eaton Rapids School District and its plan for a Small School Nature Academy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Michigan Association of School Administrators.