



Wendy Larvick

Director of Education

Position with Firm

2024–present **Director of Education.** Provides thought leadership and manages projects related to education policy issues at the local, state, and national level.

Previous Professional Experience

2019–2024 **Director of Policy and Partnerships, National Charter Schools Institute,** Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Provided leadership on communications while building strategic partnerships with state legislatures and education agencies. Conducted project management of international accreditation to offer continuing education and training credentials, the National Charter Schools Founders Library, and federal grant oversight.

2016–2019 **Chief of Staff, Michigan Department of Education,** Lansing, Michigan. Ensured implementation of Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan and that department initiatives were aligned. Managed Equitable Services Ombudsman. Executed special projects as assigned by the State Superintendent.

2014–2016 **Assistant Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, Michigan Department of Education,** Lansing, Michigan. Supervised the development, passage, and implementation of state legislative and regulatory initiatives necessary to meet department mission. Managed OPGA staff, including annual reviews and professional development. Developed overall internal and external communication plans on department initiatives.

2012–2014 **Legislative Liaison, Michigan Department of Education,** Lansing, Michigan. Participated in all aspects of the development, passage, and implementation of state legislative and regulatory initiatives necessary to meet department mission.

2011–2012 **Education Policy Advisor, Republican Policy Office, Michigan House of Representatives,** Lansing, Michigan. Advised the Speaker of the House and the caucus on educational policy issues. Assisted chairs of the House Education committee and the K–12 and MDE subcommittees. Analyzed education policy and worked with caucus on education-related legislation.

2005–2011	Chief of Staff and Constituent Relations , Representatives Gail Haines, Phil Laloy, Kevin Elsenheimer, Lansing, Michigan. Managed staff and office budgets and assisted with committee work. Coordinated media and communications messaging, handled constituent relations, and collaborated on legislation with the lobbying community.
2003–2005	Press Secretary/Field Staff , House Republican Communications Office, Lansing, Michigan. Coordinated and created content for state representatives.
2001–2003	English and Social Studies Teacher , Walter French Academy, Lansing, Michigan. Taught seventh- and eighth-grade writing, reading, and speaking skills. Developed and implemented journalism elective including class newspaper.
1999–2001	English and Social Studies Teacher , Immaculate Heart of Mary-St. Casimir School, Lansing, Michigan. Taught seventh- and eighth-grade writing, reading, and speaking skills. Developed and implemented electives in journalism and drama.
1998–1999	English and Journalism Teacher , Ubly High School, Ubly, Michigan. Taught ninth- through 11th-grade writing, reading, and speaking skills. Supervised the school’s yearbook, student council, and National Honor Society.
Education	BA in English, MA in Teaching and Curriculum, both from Michigan State University

Skills

- Project management (PMI CAPM-certified)
- Education policy and budget analysis