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Treasurer named to Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors

Shelby Township Treasurer Michael Flynn recently was appointed by State Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof to serve on the nine-member Board of Directors of the Michigan Education Trust.

The MET is an educational trust that allows Michigan families to prepay for college at today's tuition rates and is paid out at the future cost when a beneficiary attends college. The fund's assets are valued at more than \$1 billion.

"I am honored for this chance to serve our state," Flynn said. "The

hard financial choices we have made in Shelby Township have paid off for our residents and taxpayers. Fiscal conservative policy works; I am happy to bring that lesson to Lansing."

State Senator Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair Twp.), chairman of the Senate Education Committee, recommended Flynn's appointment.

"We needed someone like Michael who has a successful track record managing high value institutional funds," Pavlov said. "Michael's experience will help ensure

this critical State Trust continues to be managed to the benefit of Michigan students."

Shelby Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis joined other local leaders in congratulating Flynn.

"I know Michael's qualifications first-hand," Stathakis said. "We have had a huge positive financial turnaround in Shelby Township over the last several years. Michael's expertise and leadership was a big part of that. I'm proud that Lansing has taken notice."

According to Flynn, his top pri-

ority will be to promote measures ensuring college and career training remains affordable.

"The prospect of funding higher education can be overwhelming," he said. "Managing costs, by making college expenses predictable, is a great benefit to Michigan families."

Flynn is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He was first elected to the Shelby Township Board of Trustees in 2008 and was elected treasurer in 2012.

— Sean Delaney