ELMBROOK SCHOOLS
School District of Elmbrook

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Cindy Frey, Communications Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: **January 24, 2012 Agenda Item 3A3 – Commendations**

Executive Summary

It is recommended that the Elmbrook Board of Education record into the minutes a Resolution of Commendation publicly recognizing and extending congratulations to:

1. Brookfield East High School student William Seabrook was named an alternate to represent Wisconsin through the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Seabrook was one of 54 applicants to the program and was selected as one of two alternates after a rigorous process that included short and long essays and a telephone interview.

   The USSYP offers a yearly opportunity for talented students with demonstrated leadership abilities to deepen their understanding of America's political processes and strengthen their resolve to pursue careers in public service. If one of the delegates chosen cannot participate in the program, Seabrook will travel to Washington, DC, in March of 2012 to attend the program.

   Student applications in this highly competitive process included essays about personal goals for contributing to their school and community, their ideas on how public participation in elections could be increased, a background of their extra-curricular activities, hobbies, and/or community service, information on their future plans, ambitions and goals, and general research on their Congressional representatives. Fifteen applicants with the highest scores on the essays were invited to a telephone interview. Interview questions encouraged students to expand upon their plans and goals for the future, and how the USSYP will help them meet those goals.

CONGRATULATIONS

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education recognizes and extends congratulations to the commendation as presented.