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**St. Johns Public Schools  
Michigan Leadership Institute  
Superintendent Search  
Press Release  
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The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education continues to move forward with the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools. Fourteen (14) educators submitted applications for the position. Applicants consisted of current superintendents, central office administrators, principals, and other educators. The Board completed a thorough review of the applications and has invited five (5) educators to be interviewed.

The interviews will be held on Monday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 16. Interviews will take place at St. Johns High School Band Room, 501 W Sickles Street, St. Johns, Michigan. The public is welcome to attend.

The interview schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 15 -

5:00PM - Kelly Corbett, Deputy Superintendent, St. Johns

6:30PM - Jay Lerner, Assistant Superintendent, Mattawan

8:00PM - Greg Pratt, Superintendent (retired), Lowell

Tuesday, May 16 -

5:00PM - Dr. Anthony Berthiaume, Superintendent, New Lothrop

6:30PM - Dr. Mark McGarry, Superintendent, Bellevue

Board President, Timothy Jackson stated, "The applicant pool has strong and quality candidates that may meet our needs and expectations. We were pleased with the interest demonstrated in our school district. The Board is ready to learn more about the candidates' leadership abilities and what each candidate has to offer our students, staff, and community. As always, the Board values input from the public and encourages people to attend the interviews. It is our intent to have our new superintendent on the job on July 1."

The superintendent search became necessary as Mark Palmer announced his retirement after being employed by the district for 24 years and serving as an admirable Superintendent of Schools since 2018. Mr. Palmer continues to serve as Superintendent until his retirement effective June 30, 2023. The process is being facilitated by the Michigan Leadership Institute.

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