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STATEMENT—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

6 Candidates to Interview for New Lothrop Area Public Schools Superintendent

New Lothrop, MI – The New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education has identified six candidates to interview for Superintendent of Schools after reviewing applications from sixteen contenders.

The New Lothrop Area Public Schools Superintendent Search posting closed on August 8, 2023 with considerable interest and 16 applicants. By our evaluation, via an extensive paper screening, the applicant pool is strong relative to other comparable searches, as it includes a high proportion of applicants with considerable building-level and district-wide administrative experience. Many of the applicants in this pool met the criteria established by the Board.

These interviews mark the beginning of a rigorous vetting process that will include two rounds of public interviews as well as thorough background and reference checks.

Candidates being interviewed are as follows:

Monday, August 28th

4:00 p.m. - William Kalmar Ph.D., Superintendent (former), Almont Community Schools

5:10 p.m. - Heather Thompson-Luznak Ph.D., Principal (PK-8), Grand Rapids Public Schools

6:25 p.m. - Pamela Campbell Ph.D., Superintendent (former), Columbia School District

Tuesday, August 29th

4:00 p.m. - Joanna Bennink MBA, M.Ed, School Director, West MI Academy of Arts & Academics

5:10 p.m. - Verle Gilbert Ed.S., Principal (Intermediate), Davison Community Schools

6:25 p.m. - Ashley McCann-Markham Ed.S, JH/HS Principal/Curriculum & Special Education Director, Peck Community Schools

The Board of Education invites parents, family members, community members and district staff members to attend the interviews. All interviews will be held in the High School Library.

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