WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education for West Ottawa Public Schools is in search of a new superintendent. This is only the preliminary posting; a detailed profile of the ideal candidate will be added at a later date. We encourage interested applicants to refrain from applying until the profile is posted.

Preparing Students to be College, Career and Life Ready! West Ottawa Public Schools prepares students for excellence in academics, athletics and the arts, as well as social and emotional learning. We believe in a learning environment that supports the whole child. Our schools have been recognized by numerous publications and continuously rank at or near the top of schools in Ottawa County.

Our secondary programs offer a multitude of courses and extracurricular activities to personalize and cater to our students' education experience!

West Ottawa was recently ranked as the #1 public school district in Ottawa County by Niche.com and is one of only two districts in the county to be recognized as a U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools Silver Award Winner for eight consecutive years. For grades 6-12, each student is provided with their own Chromebook device to enhance and personalize their learning experience. We offer 47 different visual, performing and applied arts programs to our students and more than 120 athletic programs and clubs, all of which are led by highly qualified staff. With such diverse experiences available, we are confident that the needs of each and every child will be met.

The district currently consists of 12 schools: 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 high school and 1 alternative high school. The Dunes Alternative High School is housed within West Ottawa High School. In 2019, our community approved a bond that includes the building of a new elementary school in the southeast corner of the district.

For more information on our district, visit westottawa.net.

DISTRICT DATA:

- Current Enrollment: 6,500
- · Teachers: 411
- · Administrators: 33
- · Counselors/Social Workers: 19
- · Paraprofessionals: 0
- Office Staff: 39
- Support Staff: 192
- · Other staff: 38
- Total Buildings: 11
- Foundation grant per pupil: \$8,111
- Annual operating budget:
 Revenue \$74,000,000
 Expense \$72,000,000
- Projected fund balance: \$16,400,000
- Tax Base (2020 SEV): \$2,346,754,777
- Non-Homestead Levy: 18.0
- Debt Retirement: 7.75
- Sinking Fund: 0.3



OUR COMMUNITY:

Our district is located in Holland, Michigan in Ottawa County and spans 73 square miles with more than 44,000 constituents. On the shores of picturesque Lake Michigan, Ottawa County is home to more than 5,000 acres of county parks, 307 miles of rivers and streams, and two state parks. With easy access to downtown Holland, shopping, dining and recreation are just around the corner. Up for a quick drive? Head to burgeoning downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take a day trip to Chicago—less than three hours away. The small town feel paired with ease of access to both green space and the big city make Ottawa County a great place to call home. Beaches, bike trails, Holland State Park and world-renowned festivals like Tulip Time are just a few of the reasons many of our teachers and staff choose to live and work right here in our district.



SEEKING:

SUPERINTENDENT

SALARY & BENEFITS:

The Board will offer a comprehensive, multi-year contract. A preliminary salary range of \$180,000 to \$220,000 has been established. The actual base salary will be commensurate with experience and subject to negotiation with the selected candidate.

REQUIREMENTS:

A Master's degree and Administrative Certificate are required.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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DEADLINE & SELECTION: APPLICATIONS DUE DEC. 4, 2020

Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application found at masb.myrevelus.com.

Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Dec. 4, 2020. No "hard copy," fax or emailed copies accepted. If requested by the candidate, materials will be treated confidentially through the screening process. Candidate names will become public at the time an interview is scheduled.

All questions regarding the search should be directed to Greg Sieszputowski, M.Ed., Director of Leadership Development and Executive Search Services, Michigan Association of School Boards, at 517.327.9224 or gregs@masb.org.

SEARCH TIMELINE



Application deadline Dec. 4, 2020 @ 4 p.m.



Selection of candidates to interview

Dec. 14, 2020



First round interviews

Jan. 11 - 12, 2021



Second round interviews/First opportunity for board selection of superintendent
Jan. 19, 2021



Board visitation (if necessary)



Second opportunity for board selection of superintendent TBD



Start date Late Feb. – March 2021

APPLY ONLINE AT: bit.ly/Ottawa-Supt

Questions should be directed to:
Michigan Association of School Boards | Lansing, MI 48917







