



## **Superintendent of Schools**

The Board of Education for Forest Area Community Schools is in search of a new superintendent.

Forest Area Community Schools serve the communities of Fife Lake and South Boardman. Located in beautiful northern Michigan, approximately 35 minutes southeast of Traverse City, the Forest Area Community is a year-round scenic and outdoor recreation destination. It offers a variety of rural and village living options. With its proximity to Traverse, and with US-131 running through the district, shopping, entertainment, recreational, cultural, and post-secondary educational opportunities are all convenient and accessible.

Forest Area Community Schools has two campuses located a few minutes apart. We provide full-time bussing for student pickup and drop off each school day. Fife Lake Elementary is located 108 Pierce Street in beautiful Fife Lake, MI. Our elementary school includes preschool through third grade students. Our Middle and High School campus includes fourth through twelfth grade students and is located at 7661 Shippy Road in Fife Lake, MI. The school community is close knit and caring.

Successful approval of bond proposals and a sinking fund in 2019 and 2023, respectively, are evidence of the strong community support for Forest Area Community Schools. School activities and athletics enjoy strong parental support. Teachers and staff members across job categories are deeply committed and caring. A commitment to educating the whole child is evident across the district.

Forest Area's mission is to provide a nurturing educational environment, which will help our students form positive attitudes toward learning and help build effective life skills.

Forest Area Community Schools collaborate and receive support from Northwest Education Services.

### District Data:

- Enrollment :515
- Teachers: 37
- Administrators: 3
- Counselors/social workers: 3
- Paraprofessionals: 10
- Office Staff: 4
- Support Staff/Other Staff: 5
- School buildings: 2
- Foundation grant per pupil: \$9,150
- Annual operating budget (2023-2023)
- Revenue: \$7,771,425
- Expense: \$8,196,382
- General Fund Balance (6/30/2023): \$1,328,305
- Tax Base (2022 SEV): \$189,247,428 a portion of this taxable value is principal residence exempt properties \$76,632,263
- Non-Homestead Levy: 18 mills
- Debt Retirement: 1.5000 mills

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### Salary and Contract Information

The Board will offer a comprehensive, multi-year contract. Compensation will be commensurate with the experience of the successful candidate and the requirements of the position. A preliminary salary range of \$110,000 to \$125,000 has been established.

### Application Procedure

Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application found at <https://masb.myrevelus.com/>.

**Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on November 14, 2023.** 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.

**Candidates are not to contact board members directly.** All questions regarding the search should be directed to Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Consultant, Michigan Association of School Boards, at 734-717-8947 or lewlakmasb@gmail.com.

**Search Timeline**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Application deadline	November 14, 2023
Selection of candidates to interview	November 20, 2023
First round interviews	November 27, 2023 & November 28, 2023
Second round interviews/First Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	December 5, 2023
Board visitation (if necessary)	TBD
Start date	January 1, 2024