

Morley Stanwood Community Schools

The Board of Education for Morley Stanwood Community Schools District 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.

Location - Morley Stanwood Community Schools is located at 4700 Northland Drive, Morley, MI 49336. The school district is comprised of two villages, Morley and Stanwood. Located just 15 minutes south of Big Rapids with Ferris State University, major grocery and store chains, as well as community resources. Morley Stanwood Community Schools is located 45 minutes north of Grand Rapids, where there are major shopping centers and malls, entertainment (Van Andel Arena, DeVos Place Performance Hall, and several others), as well as fine dining options. Morley Stanwood is also 45 minutes west of Mt. Pleasant which boasts much of the same with Central Michigan University and several entertainment and food options. Morley Stanwood is surrounded by beautiful lakes, camping, and the newly opened Dragon Trail system for hiking, biking, and winter activities. The Fred Meijer paved trail system also extends throughout this entire community as Morley Stanwood is located directly on this trail system that extends from Grand Rapids to Cadillac for biking, walking, running, and snowmobiling.

District – Morley Stanwood Community Schools offers two primary buildings located on the same campus. Within one location, the elementary school provides space for early education programming through fifth grade. The elementary school provides approximately 3 classrooms per grade level as well as music, art, Spanish, and gymnasium for instruction. The middle/high school building offers instructional space for those in grades sixth through twelfth grades. This building is largely two stories whereas the middle school operates on the second story and the high school classrooms are on the main floor. The common areas of the cafeteria, media center, and gymnasium are utilized by both schools. All buildings have secure entrances and our central office is located within the middle/high school. Morley Stanwood Community Schools successfully passed a bond in 2020 which has offered the ability to perform several upgrades to our school grounds. In the past few years, we have created and updated new parking lots with lighting, updated the elementary school windows, hallways, and gymnasium, added classrooms in both buildings, and there are many more upgrades planned. We are currently in the planning stage of the fourth stage (of five) for this bond series. The school campus also includes a football field, track, one baseball field, and two softball fields, as well as a cross country course. Historically, Morley and Stanwood each had their own elementary school. In 2012 the decision was made to consolidate. The Morley Elementary School now serves as a community center and is rented (current 30 year lease) for these purposes. The Stanwood Elementary School has been repurposed as an Early Childhood Learning Center and provides early childhood services through the local MOISD, and Great Start Readiness, as well as a portion of the building being rented out to a local daycare operation for after school activities.

District Data:

- Enrollment - 970
 - Elementary School – 442
 - Middle School – 232
 - High School - 296
- Teachers
 - Elementary School – 30
 - Middle School – 14
 - High School – 17
- Administrators - 3
- Counselors/social workers
 - Elementary School – 3
 - Middle School – 2
 - High School -2
- Central Office Staff/Other Staff - 5
- Paraprofessionals
 - Elementary School – 19
 - Middle School – 4
 - High School - 6
- Office Staff – 4
- Other Staff - 26
- School buildings - 2
- Foundation grant per pupil - \$10,050
- Annual operating budget
 - Revenue \$19,117,138
 - Expense \$16,202,699
- Projected fund balance – 28%
- Tax Base(2013 SEV) \$419,285,930
- Non-Homestead Levy – 18 mills
- Debt Retirement – 6 mills

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Brent Beemer, Trustee	serving since 2024

Salary and Contract Information

The Board will offer a comprehensive, multi-year contract. Compensation will be commensurate with experience of the successful candidate and requirements of the position. A preliminary salary range of \$120,000 to \$150,000 has been established.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application found at <https://masb.myrevelus.com/166>.

Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on April 7, 2026. 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 asked to not contact board members directly. All questions regarding the search should be directed to Penny Kentish McWilliams, Consultant, Michigan Association of School Boards, at 810-444-9874 or pkentish@aol.com

Search Timeline

Action	Date
Application deadline	April 7, 2026
Selection of candidates to interview	April 20, 2026
First round interviews	May 9, 2026
Second round interviews/First Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	May 12, 2026
Start date	July 1, 2026