



APPLICATIONS DUE February 24, 2026

HART PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The mission of the Hart Public Schools is to provide an appropriate educational program and learning environment which will effectively meet the educational needs of its students and help its students accomplish educational goals which are: significant, durable, and transferable.

The Board of Education for the Hart Public School District is searching for the district's next great leader. This is an exceptional opportunity for an educator who wants to make a difference in a small, progressive district. Current Superintendent, Mark Platt, is retiring on June 30, 2026 after 13 years of exemplary service.

Hart Public Schools is a district serving 1,192 students in four schools on an attractive single campus in the center of Hart, Michigan. The district takes great pride in its staff and students, with strong curriculum initiatives, an excellent program for English Language Learners (ELL), cutting-edge technology, and a strong performing arts program with soon-to-be-renovated facilities after the passing of a successful bond.

Location - The Hart Public School district is located along the shores of Lake Michigan in Oceana County. It is situated along the U.S. 31 corridor about 30 minutes north of Muskegon and about 20 minutes south of Ludington.

The district is largely agricultural with an abundance of vegetable farms and orchards. With Silver Lake, the Mears State Park, Hart and Pentwater Lakes, the Pentwater River and numerous other lakes and rivers in the area, Hart is an important tourism hub as recreational opportunities abound.

Chamber of Commerce <https://thinkdunes.com/>

District - The Hart Public School District serves students in four buildings: Hart High School, Hart Middle School, Spitler Elementary School, and the Diman-Wolf Early Childhood Center. All buildings are located within the City of Hart.

Website <https://www.hartschools.net/>

The Hart Public School District is a constituent of the West Shore Educational Service District which offers Dual Enrollment, Early College, and Career and Technical Education to Hart students.

WSESD <https://www.wsesd.org/>

DISTRICT DATA:

- Enrollment: 1,192
- Teachers: 88
- Administrators: 18
- Counselors/Social Workers-3
- Paraprofessionals: 25
- Office Staff: 14
- Other Staff: 81
- School Buildings: 4
- Annual Operating Budget
 - Revenue: \$17,765,982
 - Expense: \$18,041,873
- Projected Fund balance: \$3,912,316
- Tax Base (2024): \$472,514,738
- Non-Homestead Levy: 16.9522 mills
- Debt Retirement Millage: 5.1309 mills



SEEKING:

SUPERINTENDENT

SALARY & 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 \$140,000 has been established.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chad Coker, President
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2026

Jeff Schaner, Vice President
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2028

Steve Riley, Secretary
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2028

Kayla Dennert, Treasurer
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2026

Mike Barefoot, Trustee
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2028

Andy Carter, Trustee
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2026

Irma Hinojosa, Trustee
Term expires: Dec. 31, 2026

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

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

Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4 pm on February 24, 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 Mark Dobias, Consultant, Michigan Association of School Boards, at 269.532.0543 or mrdobias@gmail.com.

SEARCH TIMELINE



Application deadline
February 24, 2026 @ 4 p.m.



Selection of candidates to interview
March 2, 2026



First round interviews
March 9 & 10, 2026



Second round interviews/First opportunity for board selection of superintendent
March 16, 2026



Board visitation (if necessary)
TBD



Second opportunity for board selection of superintendent
TBD



Start date
July 1, 2026

APPLY ONLINE AT: <https://masb.myrevelus.com/>

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Please do not contact the Board or District directly.

