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## **HOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HIRE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT**

Holland Board of Education to enter contract negotiations  
with Interim Superintendent Nick Cassidy.

**Holland, MI** - On Wednesday, March 16, Trustees of the Holland Schools Board of Education voted to enter contract negotiations with Interim Superintendent Nick Cassidy to fill the current Superintendent vacancy in the district.

Early this month, Trustees launched an internal search to identify candidates for the open position. Mr. Cassidy was the only candidate to apply for the position. After gathering input from local stakeholders, including parents, staff, and community partners, Trustees held an open interview of the candidate on March 16. Following that interview, they voted to immediately begin contract negotiations with Cassidy.

The board is excited about the future of Holland Public Schools with Nick Cassidy at the helm. Nick has demonstrated he is an exceptional leader and is dedicated to building strong relationships, creating a culture of collaboration and innovation, and putting students' needs first. In the short time Nick has been the Interim Superintendent, he has led with a commitment to excellence and a collaborative spirit. He has shown he will do whatever is necessary to help the district thrive and does not shy away from rolling up his sleeves to work alongside his colleagues wherever he is needed. While Nick is well aware of the challenges facing HPS, he addresses them with positive energy and a problem-solving mindset. We are confident Nick is the right person to lead Holland Public Schools into the future.

**- Liz Colburn Board President**

Cassidy was the Principal of Holland Middle School and has been employed by Holland Public Schools for 9 years. He was appointed Interim Superintendent on December 1, 2021 after a mutual separation agreement was reached with the former Superintendent.

Over the last few months I have been so grateful for the support of the HPS staff and community. Their encouragement and belief in me as a leader has inspired me to take on this great responsibility. I am honored that the board has trusted me with this opportunity and I am excited to work with them and our staff to continue to push our district forward. **-Nick Cassidy**

Trustees hope to reach contract terms with Cassidy before their special meeting on March 28 at 6pm. A vote to accept those terms and to officially appoint Cassidy as Superintendent could happen that evening.

*Holland Public Schools exists to embrace, engage, and empower each student for success in an ever-changing world.*