

RICK WEST

Experienced Central Office School Administrator aspiring to utilize my skills and 16+ years of experiences to serve as the Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools.

EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER 2014 – CURRENT

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT (JULY 2023-CURRENT)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS SERVICES (DECEMBER 2014-JULY 2023)

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Oversee day-to-day operations of the School District.
- Serve on the Superintendents Cabinet assisting in the development and implementation of the vision, mission, values, and goals of the School District with the focus of improving student experience and outcomes.
- Provide leadership and oversight to the Sub-Cabinet leadership team which includes Teaching & Learning, Employee Services, Special Education, Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Technology, Finance, Operations, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, English Language Learners & Assessment.
- Assist Superintendent in development and preparation of the Board of Education Meeting Agenda and materials.
- Administrative Liaison to the Board of Education Policy Committee.
- Serve as the Treasurer of the Board of Education.
- Provide leadership and oversight to the entire organization which includes the Teaching and Learning, Human Resources, Finance, Purchasing, Operations, Technology, Food Service, Transportation, Pupil Accounting, Central Enrollment, Adult Education, Safety and Security and MI Works departments. Together, we support 12,500 students and manage over \$280 million worth of assets, \$180 million operational general fund budget, six (6) special revenue funds, five (5) debt service funds, and five (5) capital projects funds, 25 buildings, \$3.5 million food service program, and a myriad of other non-instructional support services
- Increased fund balance by \$11 million over 7 years while prioritizing funding in support of our mission and vision.
- Refinanced multiple bonds resulting in >\$8 million of savings to our taxpayers.
- Manage responsibilities for project implementation of the \$555,000 million 10-year bond program approved by voters in 2022.
- Lead the development and construction of a \$24 million Preschool that opened in Fall of 2019, servicing over 500 pre-school aged children.
- Responsible for all land/building acquisition and sales
- Assist the Superintendent in legislative affairs and advocacy.
- Chair the District Crisis Committee (Implemented ALICE, RAVE, and developed Emergency Operation Plans for all buildings)

- Member of the Collective Bargaining Team - trained in both Traditional and Interest Based Bargaining
- 2016 Oakland County Business Official of the Year
- Eight-year recipient of the Association of School Business Officials International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

JULY 2011 – NOVEMBER 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND OPERATIONS, ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS

- Similar responsibilities as current job

DECEMBER 2007 – JUNE 2011

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

BUSINESS MANAGER, ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Similar responsibilities as current job

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DECEMBER 2023

MLI SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY, MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

JANUARY 2018 (EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2028)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2016

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, MICHIGAN SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS

JULY 2012 (EXPIRE JUNE 2027)

BUSINESS OFFICE MANAGER CERTIFICATE, MICHIGAN SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS

AUGUST 2007

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - TEXARKANA

GPA: 3.7

AUGUST 2007

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND CORE TRAINING, ARMY LOGISTICS LEADERSHIP CENTER

GPA: 3.92; 12 Credit Hours toward MBA; President of Class; Department of Defense Fellowship Program

MAY 2006

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Major: Finance; Minor: Economics; GPA: 3.7; Outstanding Student Award in Finance

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Collaboration
- Process Improvement
- Team Development
- Culture Building
- Financial Management

ACTIVITIES

Devoted husband and father

Active member at Clarkston Community Church (Serve as Usher and on Finance Committee)

Volunteer coach (Flag Football, Basketball, Baseball)

Avid Sports Fan

Recreational Golfer