

Okemos Public Schools
Michigan Leadership Institute
Superintendent Search
Press Release
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On Monday, November 24, 2025, the Okemos Public Schools Board of Board of Education selected Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) to lead the search for the next Superintendent of Okemos Public Schools. Current Superintendent Dr, John Hood recently announced his intention to retire March 26, 2026 after serving over six (6) years as Superintendent and over thirty (30) years total service to the Okemos Public Schools.

“Michigan Leadership Institute is Michigan-based, and focuses on meeting the needs of Michigan school Districts”, said Andrew Ingall, MLI Regional President. He added “Superintendents who have been appointed through the MLI search process have demonstrated outstanding leadership and longevity. We attribute this success to our intentional efforts to present candidates that best match the goals, vision, and values of the district”.

Okemos Public Schools Board President Tom Buffett said, “We look forward to a comprehensive and inclusive selection process that will lead us to the best possible Superintendent for Okemos Public Schools. Although this is a busy time of year for everyone, we encourage staff, families, and community members to participate by completing MLI’s survey and/or participating in a focus group. We are confident that with the assistance of MLI, we will have the right next leader in place for the 2026-2027 school year.”

Okemos Public Schools will be posting information and updates about the Superintendent Search on its website at www.okemosk12.net, including an opportunity to participate in a community survey and other feedback opportunities. People interested in the search processes are invited to check back regularly.