

Negaunee Public Schools is proud to welcome Dan Skewis to the NPS Hall of Fame. Over the course of his 29 years with the District, Mr. Skewis proved to be someone who prioritized students while providing exemplary mentorship and leadership to staff.

Dan Skewis has called Negaunee home for most of his life, graduating with the NHS Class of 1990 and a multi-sport athlete. He went on to attend NMU, earning a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and later a Master of Arts in Educational Administration. After starting his teaching career at South Redford in lower Michigan in 1995, he jumped at the chance to return home when there was a teacher opening. In 1996, Dan was hired to teach sixth grade at NMS, starting his remarkable 29-years in the District.

During his six years of teaching at NMS, Mr. Skewis inspired students across multiple subjects, teaching sixth grade, seventh-grade math, and computer classes. His passion for students to thrive extended beyond the classroom; he enjoyed serving as the Head Varsity and Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, and 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Skewis' commitment to the student experience and connections he built did not go unnoticed, earning him the distinction of NPS Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2000.

In 2002, he made the shift from the classroom to Administration, where he would spend the next 23 years guiding the District through years of steady growth, unprecedented challenge, and storied success. He first served as NMS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, then became NMS Principal. In 2014, his leadership role culminated when he was appointed as the tenth Superintendent of NPS, becoming one of only two NHS graduates in NPS history to serve as Superintendent. For 11 years, Superintendent Skewis confidently steered the District through major staff transitions and historic challenges, including the COVID-19 global pandemic. Mr. Skewis handled his responsibility with dignity and compassion, and always had the best interest of students at heart. Staff and students thrived under his leadership, and the District became a model of stability, strength and spirit.

Mr. Skewis' tenure also modernized the District's footprint through major infrastructure improvements and extensive remodeling projects at all three school buildings, and a new Transportation Center. These improvements directly impacted students' experiences and potential for learning, and set the District up for continued prosperity. He oversaw numerous projects that positively impacted the broader community, including the construction of the Indoor Practice Facility, the NHS Softball Field, numerous improvements to Lakeview Memorial Gymnasium, Miners Stadium, NHS tennis courts, initiating the sale of the former Administrative building and the construction of the current Administrative Office. Superintendent Skewis was also behind the creation of the NPS Hall of Fame and established it as a unique showcase of Miner pride.

Mr. Skewis' vision for the lower lobby space at Lakeview Gym was derived from practicality; the lobby needed an update and the District had many accolades to display. Creating the honorary institution from the ground up required forethought, coordination, and confidence. The NPS Hall of Fame project is symbolic of Dan's leadership approach; he saw the potential for greatness, prioritized the District alongside the spirit of community, and paid respect to past accomplishments while inspiring future Miner ambitions. The NPS Hall of Fame gives the community a place to honor those who have embodied our motto, committed to excellence, and is undoubtedly where Dan Skewis' legacy belongs.

Superintendent Skewis retired from NPS in 2025 after 31 years of total service in public education. His career was capped by being named Negaunee Elks Citizen of the Year in 2025—a fitting tribute to someone who bleeds maize and blue for the community.

It is our honor to congratulate and welcome Mr. Dan Skewis to the NPS Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Dan!