

SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SELECTS TERRY STARR TO LEAD DISTRICT

Shepherd Public Schools Board of Education has hired Terry Starr to be the district's next superintendent, with a start date of July 1. "Mr. Starr is a proven and experienced educational leader whose passion for public education and student focus will continue the district's tradition of high expectations and promoting the success of all students," stated board president Brent Curtiss. "The board is confident that Starr's vision and 'growth mind set' will continue us on our journey to excellence."

Starr brings with him to the position considerable experience as a superintendent and administrator in districts across Michigan. The superintendent of Kalkaska since 2018, Starr led a significant strategic planning initiative there that included progress in a variety of academic disciplines leading up to an upcoming May 4th bond proposal. Prior to that, Starr served in progressively broader roles with Elk Rapids Schools and Midland Public Schools over a span of eighteen years including principal, athletic director, and elementary teacher.

Consistent with Shepherd Schools values, the selection was supported by an inclusive process. Selection criteria were generated based upon the input of numerous community members, parents, and staff via an online survey. Community members provided immediate feedback to board members during preliminary and final face-to-face candidate interviews. Additionally, administrators, faculty, students, and parents provided input following a series of structured stakeholder conversations. The board of education appreciates the district's citizens and staff support of the process.