

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH APRIL 9, 2019**

The Public Schools of Petoskey's Board of Education completed initial interviews with five candidates. The Board has decided to bring back Christopher Parker for a second interview. The interview will take place Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Spitler Administrative Building, 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey. The interview is open to the public.

Christopher Parker is currently the Associate Project Director for the MI-Excel Statewide System of Support. He has also served the Traverse City Public Schools as its Associate Superintendent and the Northport Public Schools as its Superintendent. His resume includes time as a principal in the Traverse City Area Public Schools. He has also worked as a social worker.

Prior to the interview, Mr. Parker will spend the day in the district touring the facilities and learning more about the programming within Petoskey Schools.

Keith Szajnecki, Board President, stated, "After our initial interviews the entire Board felt as though we met several outstanding candidates. However, Mr. Parker offers what we see as the best fit for our school district and community. He has a clear understanding of all aspects of education and has a sincere interest in helping our schools strive to be the best they can be. His passion for educating all students really came to the forefront. We look forward to our second interview next week and getting to know him even better."

The position became available as Dr. John Scholten announced his retirement after serving the district for 14 years. Petoskey has only had five superintendents over the last 98 years. The intent is to have the new superintendent begin July 1.