

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
PRESS RELEASE
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The Petoskey Schools Board of Education has invited five candidates for an initial interview for its new superintendent. Twenty-one people applied for the position.

Dr. John Scholten will retire at the end of this school year after serving fourteen years.

Keith Szajnecki, Board President, states, "The Board is certainly aware of the importance of this decision. We need to find the right leader that will help us continue to improve as a district and one that believes every student is important. It is imperative for the new superintendent to be an integral part of our community as well. None of us take this responsibility lightly. "

The interviews are open to the public and will be held April 8 and 9. All interviews will be held at the Spittler Administration Building at 1130 Howard Street in Petoskey.

The tentative interview schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 8 at 4:00 pm: Matthew Chrispin, Superintendent in Fredericktown, OH

Monday, April 8 at 5:30 pm: Christopher Parker, Associate Project Director with MI Excel

Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm: Dr. Kelly Coffin, Superintendent in Tecumseh

Tuesday, April 9 at 4:00 pm: Joseph Perrera, Superintendent Whittemore-Prescott

Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 pm: Jonathan Whan, Superintendent in Grant

Second round interviews are tentatively scheduled for April 15 and 16. The Board hopes to make an employment offer after the second interviews with a projected start date of July 1.

The Public Schools of Petoskey have been assisted in the search by Dave Killips, Regional President with the Michigan Leadership Institute.