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Rockford Public Schools Board of Education Selects Dr. Steve Matthews Ed. D. to Serve as the Next Superintendent of Schools

The Rockford Board of Education began the superintendent search process in late December 2021. Through school and community input the board determined selection criteria that was used to shape a candidate profile.

On March 15, 18 and 21, the board conducted first-round interviews with four candidates. At the conclusion of the first round interviews, the board narrowed the search down to two candidates. The second-round interviews were conducted on March 24 and 25. Deliberations were held after the March 25 second-round interview. In a 7-0 vote, the RPS Board of Education moved to offer the position to Dr. Steven Matthews, current Superintendent of Novi Community Schools.

"Rockford Public Schools has a long history of continuous improvement and Dr. Matthews' experience at moving districts forward will make our great district even better. Evidence of his work in his current district and history of academic successes are obvious. We are excited to invite Dr. Matthews as Rockford Public Schools next superintendent," stated Nick Reichenbach, RPS Board of Education President.

The Board of Education in conjunction with Michigan Leadership Institute is entering into contract negotiations with Dr. Matthews. Once negotiations are complete, the community will be informed.

Finally, the Board of Education wishes to recognize the continued improvement Rockford Public Schools is experiencing because of the outstanding leadership that Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford has been providing for the district.

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