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## **GHAPS SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

**GRAND HAVEN, MI:** The next superintendent of Grand Haven Area Public Schools (GHAPS) is perfectly positioned to maintain the district's positive momentum. Scott Grimes, deputy superintendent of GHAPS and 32-year veteran of the district, has been selected by the GHAPS Board of Education as the upcoming superintendent. At last night's meeting, Board members approved a motion to begin contract negotiations with Grimes, who is expected to take the reins in January.

"Scott is an exceptionally qualified candidate," says Carl Treutler, GHAPS Board of Education president. "He brings both an extensive knowledge of the district and a true dedication to student success. After a thorough review of his credentials, we are confident in his ability to lead Grand Haven Area Public Schools."

Grimes spent his first seven years in Grand Haven as a teacher and coach. He also served as the high school's assistant principal for three years, followed by twelve years as high school principal. As deputy superintendent for the past ten years, he has been an integral part of the district's leadership team.

"I am both honored and proud to be named the new superintendent," says Grimes. "I realize our Board of Education has placed great trust in me and I look forward to promoting student success in an environment of trust and collaboration."

Grimes also expresses his appreciation for former superintendent Keith Konarska and retiring superintendent Andrew Ingall. "Keith and Andy have been incredible mentors to me throughout the years. I can't thank them enough for their guidance and leadership."

Pending successful contract negotiations, Grimes will begin his duties as superintendent on January 1, 2022.

Grand Haven Area Public Schools is a district of distinction for students in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. With a goal of providing exceptional educational experiences, GHAPS is committed to success for all students and strives to provide exemplary programs and opportunities to meet their diverse needs.

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