



**Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators
New Executive Director Selection
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The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) Board of Directors is excited to announce the selection of a new Executive Director to replace the strong and transitioning leadership of Dr. William Miller. The replacement process began in November with a National posting and one - hundred and thirty professionals responding from across the United States with preliminary applications for the position. Applicants consisted of current superintendents, health care leaders, government leaders, central office administrators, principals, intermediate school district employees, teachers, other talented educators, business, and non-profit leaders. The Board completed a thorough review of the applications and invited four very talented individuals to be interviewed.

After multiple interviews, the Board of Directors is pleased to appoint Dr. John Severson to support the 56 Intermediate School Districts who also strive to support all of the public schools in Michigan. Dr. Severson currently serves as the superintendent of the Muskegon Intermediate School District. He has served in this position for the past eight years also leading committees within MAISA to improve children's literacy and mathematics skills across Michigan. John also led the Harper Creek public schools as the superintendent and in the Kalamazoo Public Schools as a high school administrator. Dr. Severson's passion and commitment to continuous improvement and service to others is second to none and combined with his knowledge and experiences separated him from others. Dr. Severson has been in the educational arena for over 30 years and cares deeply for the success of all children and educators across Michigan.

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks Dr. Miller for his incredible and well executed years of service to the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators. The process has been facilitated by the Michigan Leadership Institute.