

Public Announcement about Retirement of Superintendent of Schools

After nearly forty years in education, Cathleen Heidelberg, Superintendent of Ottawa Hills Local School District, has announced her intention to retire, effective March 30, 2010. In order to maintain continuity and stability and to provide a smooth transition to a new superintendent, she has offered to return to serve in the position through the end of the school year and the summer, as necessary. This would enable her to provide leadership to the district for the superintendent search process, the development of the district's budget for 2010-2011, the recruitment and selection of new teachers in the spring, the close of the school year, preliminary preparations for the November 2010 operating levy, and the orientation of the new superintendent.

The Board has decided to move forward with this plan for an orderly transition to the new superintendent. Public comments regarding Mrs. Heidelberg's desire to retire and to be employed by the district for this brief transitional period may be offered at the February 16, 2010, Board meeting. Board action on this plan will take place at the March 16, 2010, Board meeting. It is the intent of the Ottawa Hills Board of Education to have a new individual in the superintendent's position no later than August 1, 2010.