

NEW LOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SELECTS HEATHER THOMPSON-LUZNAK TO LEAD DISTRICT

New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education has selected Heather Thompson-Luznak to be the district's next Superintendent. "Dr. Thompson brings a broad background of experience to lead New Lothrop Area Public Schools forward. We are very happy to have been able to find a candidate with her prior experience. We look forward to working with her to guide New Lothrop Area Public Schools to continued success and striving to improve excellence" stated board president Rich White. "

Thompson-Luznak brings with her to the position considerable administrative experience as Principal and as a Charter School Superintendent. The current Principal at Harrison Park Academy in Grand Rapids, Thompson-Luznak has led significant improvements in student growth and increasing community partnerships. Prior to that, Thompson-Luznak served in roles as the founding Superintendent/Principal of Saginaw Covenant Academy, Adjunct Professor with Grand Valley State University, and Principal of Buena Vista High School.

Consistent with New Lothrop Area Public Schools values, the selection was supported by an inclusive process. Selection criteria were generated based upon the input of numerous community members, parent, and staff via an online survey. Additionally, administrators, faculty, staff, and parents provided input following a series of structured stakeholder conversations. Community members provided immediate feedback to board members during preliminary and final face-to-face candidate interviews. The Board of Education appreciates the district's citizens and staff support of the process.

Thompson -Luznak and the Board of Education are currently in the process of contract negotiations, with the new superintendent expected to assume the position October, 2023.