

Meet the New GLPS Administrators



Dr. Bill Barnes
Superintendent

The Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education voted to name Dr. Bill Barnes Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools in August 2022. The Board approved a strategic plan in May, and Dr. Barnes will use its mission, vision, beliefs, and focus areas to guide the district, inform resource allocation, and create alignment for the next 3-5 years. He believes the superintendent needs to be an instructional leader and be heavily involved in improving teaching and learning. Dr. Barnes was the Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services here at GLPS for the past 3 years. He started his public education career as a teacher at Lansing Eastern and Charlotte High School. Before coming to GLPS, Dr. Barnes was the Principal of Charlotte High School for 8 years.



Wendy Seida
Executive Director of Student Services

Wendy Seida began as the Executive Director of Student Services in July 2022. Before joining the GLPS team, she had been a special education supervisor, teacher consultant, and special education teacher in the Lansing School District for 20 years.



Kelly Jones
Director of Human Resources

Kelly Jones began as the Director of Human Resources in July 2022. She worked in human resources for the past 7 years at Fowlerville Community Schools and Michigan Virtual. She also worked 15 years as the Executive Search Services Manager for the Michigan Association of School Boards.



Martez Warren Jr.
Director of Operations

Martez Warren Jr. began as the Director of Operations in July 2022. He has management and supervisory experience with custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff, and he has worked in educational settings at Kentwood Public Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, and the University of Michigan Flint.

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Details about Bond Projects at GLcomets.net/Bonds

Mission, Vision, and Beliefs Approved for New Strategic Plan

At their June 13, 2022 meeting, the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approved the Mission, Vision, & Belief Statements for the Strategic Plan. The Mission, Vision, & Belief Statements were developed by a Strategic Planning Team consisting of 35 parents/guardians, community members, board members, educational partners, students, and staff members at a retreat workshop on May 14, 2022.

Mission

*Growing Learners
Preparing Students*

Vision

Grand Ledge Public Schools will provide every student a high-quality education, critical thinking skills, and social development to reach their highest potential in a safe and inclusive environment.

Beliefs

- ◆ We believe all students can learn.
- ◆ We believe it is the role of the school district to provide support and access for all students.
- ◆ We believe in an inclusive learning environment where every person is valued.
- ◆ We believe the GLPS staff are professionals who are vital to the health and future of the Grand Ledge community.
- ◆ We believe in a safe, inclusive environment where students can explore their interests and learn the skills they need to thrive in their communities.
- ◆ We believe in partnerships between the family, community, and education stakeholders for the success of GLPS.



School Calendar Highlights

August 31, 2022 - First Day of School (half day)

November 21-25, 2022 - Thanksgiving Break

December 23, 2022 - January 6, 2023 - Winter Break

March 24-31, 2023 - Spring Break

June 16, 2023 - Last Day of School

More at GLcomets.net/Calendar

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records.

However, Grand Ledge Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor rolls, sports activities, drama playbills, publications, and other media.

If you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information, you must provide written notice each school year prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 30.

Written notice can be sent to

ATTN: D'Anne Golub
Grand Ledge Public Schools
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

or via eMail to GolubD@GLcomets.net

More information and written notice form at
GLcomets.net/FERPA



Don't let a good drop go bad!

Not all water pollution comes from big factories – it's also caused by little household chores.

Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers and lakes – the very water we drink. So,

please sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. Also, tidy up after your pets.

Wondering what to do with unused household and landscaping chemicals? Drop them off for free at the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember: anything that enters storm drains or ditches is headed straight for your local lake or river. No filters, no treatment. Your waterways are closer than you think!

To learn more about how Grand Ledge Public Schools is helping to protect our local streams, visit our Storm Water Management page on our website at GLcomets.net/StormWater.

Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **DOES NOT** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

PLEASE NOTE that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5430.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class USPS mail postmarked at least three days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at 517-925-5430. Please give your name, mailing address, phone number, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by USPS list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the summer months, those parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.