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Berrien RESA superintendent rated highly effective *Board extends contract to 2024*

Berrien Springs, MI – During today's Berrien RESA Board of Education meeting, the Berrien RESA Board conducted their annual performance review of Berrien RESA Superintendent Eric Hoppstock. The Board evaluated Mr. Hoppstock using a tool provided by the Michigan Association of School Boards which rated his performance in five areas; governance and board relations, stakeholder relations, employee relations, educational leadership, and operations and finance. Mr. Hoppstock received a "highly effective" rating in all areas assessed.

The positive review resulted in an extension of Superintendent Hoppstock's current contract by one year, allowing him to continue to serve the district through June 30, 2024.

"The Berrien RESA Board of Education is very pleased with Eric's service to the district," said Berrien RESA Board President Dr. Michael Lindley. "Eric is a forward-thinking leader who is dedicated to continuous improvement, transparency and accountability. Even with the additional challenges of COVID-19 during his first year as superintendent, he has successfully set the pace for programming and services to meet the needs of our education community. The Board is excited to watch the district continue to grow under his leadership including the development of a new strategic plan, new community partnerships and the completion of a multi-year remodeling project at Blossomland Learning Center."

For over three decades, Mr. Hoppstock has provided educational services to schools and students across Berrien County. Beginning his career at Berrien RESA in 1987, Mr. Hoppstock was a school psychologist, went on to become the supervisor of the district's Special Education Department and then the district's Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer. Eric has also served as a state and national leader, helping shape special education legislation and policy.

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