

West Bloomfield School District Superintendent Dr. Gerald Hill announces his retirement

West Bloomfield, MI -- On Monday, November 22, 2021, West Bloomfield School District (WBSD) Superintendent Dr. Gerald D. Hill announced at the board meeting that he will be retiring from the school district effective June 30, 2022. Hill, who has worked in public education for more than 48 years, has served as the WBSD superintendent for the last ten years.

“It has been an honor and a privilege for my wife, Cindy, and I, to be a part of such a dynamic and supportive community,” stated Hill. “WBSD is one of the most highly regarded Districts in the state and that is due to our dedicated and caring staff, richly diverse and accomplished students, supportive families, and engaged community members. People are the fabric and strength of the District, making this a difficult decision. I will remember my days in WBSD fondly and I am excited to see how our incredible staff, students, and community will continue to move the District forward.”

During his decade at the helm, Dr. Hill has been instrumental in improving District governance, community and staff relations, fiscal management, and most importantly, a collaborative culture focused on teaching and learning. His leadership has led to positive and collaborative Board of Education/superintendent relationships, student-centered decision making, and, most recently, a new strategic planning process. He created the District’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, the District Learning Design Team to foster innovation, technology-infused classrooms and schools, and the Portrait of a Graduate, featuring the 4Cs - collaborator, critical thinker/creative problem solver, communicator, and contributor.

Dr. Hill’s astute financial knowledge helped create a fiscally solid organization. He developed a transparent budgeting process focused on district instructional priorities, built a sizable fund balance, and assisted in the passage of four major ballot measures. Several schools are being refurbished and the new, state-of-the-art West Bloomfield Middle School is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2022. His high visibility and positive community relations work is evident in the connections he has built across all sectors of the greater West Bloomfield community.

“Words cannot express how grateful we are for Dr. Hill’s vision and leadership,” stated WBSD Board of Education President Stacy Brickman. “He has been instrumental in right-sizing the District utilizing a financially sound plan to position WBSD well for the future. His forward-thinking has created a collaborative organizational structure that has paved the way for student innovation and growth. I have genuinely enjoyed working with Dr. Hill. His passion and dedication to education will not be forgotten.”

“Over the next month, the Board of Education will initiate a superintendent search to locate Dr. Hill’s successor. We have some big shoes to fill,” stated Brickman. “WB is fortunate that Dr. Hill utilized a shared leadership approach which built a powerhouse cabinet that we have complete

confidence in. We look forward to working together to build upon his accomplishments and focus on the future.”

More about Dr. Hill:

Dr. Hill completed his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Elementary Education at the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. in Administrative Leadership at the University of North Texas. He began his successful career in education in 1973, as a teacher for Fridley Public Schools in MN. Hill then worked in the Garland Independent School District in suburban Dallas, TX, for fifteen years as a teacher, principal, and the executive director of elementary schools. He moved into central administration at Rockwood School District, in St. Louis County, MO, as an assistant superintendent for instruction and then spent sixteen years as the superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 146 and Glenview School District 34, both in suburban Chicago. The WBSD Board of Education named Dr. Hill superintendent effective July 2012.

The West Bloomfield School District is thankful for Dr. Hill's leadership and dedication. To learn more about the West Bloomfield School District visit, www.wbsd.org.