



# Maple Lake Public School

**Independent School District No. 881**

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The Board of Education for the Maple Lake Schools screened four strong finalists for the position of Superintendent on February 12. The group was assisted by community, staff and administrative teams who helped provide feedback on all of the candidates. Following a thorough discussion of these persons, the Board unanimously agreed to engage in contract talks with Mike Rowe who has enthusiastically accepted the offer to enter negotiations with the Board. Should these talks proceed as expected, a formal work agreement is slated to be approved at an upcoming Board meeting. Mike is expected to begin here in early July following many years of fine service by well-respected Superintendent Mark Redemske. Here is a brief bio on Mike Rowe:

Mike Rowe is currently the superintendent for the Henning district where he has served for the past two years. He was a teacher and coach for Rocori before being hired by Henning. He has prior teaching and coaching experience in Minnesota and North Dakota. Mike earned Masters Degrees in school administration and in physical education through St. Cloud State. His BS in education was earned through Valley City State.

The Board expressed appreciation to the two dozen individuals from the staff, administration, and community who helped with the process at Wednesday's interviews. We were pleased with the quality of the candidate pool and excited by the choices that were available. As Board Chair, I'm confident that, with this selection, the Maple Lake Schools will continue in the proud tradition of success and that Mike Rowe, like Mark Redemske and others before him, will prove to be a great leader of a fine organization.

Chris Paumen  
Board Chair