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# Berrien RESA Board selects Hoppstock as next superintendent

*Hoppstock to take the helm on July 1*

**BERRIEN SPRINGS-** During a special Board of Education meeting held today, the Berrien RESA Board unanimously appointed Eric Hoppstock, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, to be the district's next superintendent. Hoppstock will assume his new role on July 1.

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 most recently became 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.

"Eric has already been leading the district for a number of years," said Berrien RESA Board of Education President Cathy Bair. "His in-depth educational background, understanding of ISD-level operations, his management skills and his leadership abilities will serve our staff and constituents well. I am excited to watch our district thrive under Eric's innovative and visionary style of leadership! I am confident he will do an exceptional job."

Dr. Kevin Ivers, Berrien RESA's current leader, will retire effective June 30. He has served as the superintendent for 10 years.

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