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### **Matthew Wandrie opts to stay in Lapeer** ***Berrien RESA to schedule special board meeting to determine next steps***

**BERRIEN SPRINGS-** The Berrien RESA Board of Education received communication from Mr. Matthew Wandrie yesterday that he has decided not to assume the role of the district's next superintendent.

"It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I have made the difficult decision to remain in my current position as Superintendent of Lapeer Community Schools," said Wandrie. "Being considered and ultimately offered the job of leading Berrien RESA is one of the great honors of my life, but it has become abundantly clear that staying in Lapeer is what is best for me and my family."

While the Berrien RESA board is disappointed, they respect Mr. Wandrie's decision.

"While the timing is not ideal, we appreciate Mr. Wandrie's honesty," said Berrien RESA Board of Education President Cathy Bair. "During the interview process, it was clear that Mr. Wandrie was very enthusiastic about joining the Berrien RESA team and serving our local school districts. He had wonderful ideas and we were very eager to watch him continue to grow and develop the organization. I imagine this must have been a very difficult decision for him and his family. We wish him the very best."

The Board will schedule a special meeting soon to determine next steps. Details will be announced as they are developed.

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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