

## Superintendent's Message



Welcome to the Armada Area Schools website. My name is Mike Musary and on July 1, 2012, I became the Superintendent of this outstanding school district. It's hard to believe, but this is my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Superintendent. This is my 26<sup>th</sup> year in the district. During my first 16+ years, I was the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations. I have also served the district as an interim superintendent on two separate occasions. My college degrees include an Education Specialist in School Administration and Leadership from Oakland University, a Master of Business Administration from Ball State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Purdue University.

If you have not been to our district, I recommend you contact one of our building principals for a tour. We are very proud of our state-of-the-art facilities and optimal learning environment where our phenomenal staff puts students first. Our students enjoy a well-rounded education and our district has received multiple awards for our curricular and extra-curricular programs. In November 2009, Armada Area Schools (AAS) was one of fourteen districts statewide to be selected as a demonstration site for Project ReImagine which meant we serve as a model for innovation in education. In 2015, AAS was selected as winner of a "District of Distinction" award for our #ACCEPTED college readiness program. Over the past 11 years, our schools have received nine Programs of Excellence awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards. In 2013, our high school's renewable energy program received a Michigan's Best Award.

Our standardized M-STEP and SAT test scores are the highest in Macomb County and our ACT scores increased five straight years – 18.8 (2011), 19.3 (2012), 19.8 (2013), 20.0 (2014), 20.2 (2015), and 20.9 (2016); and our SAT scores increased four straight years and were #1 in the county in 2021 – 1000.1 (2016), 1026.4 (2017), 1032.42 (2018), 1050.5 (2019), and 1020.4 (2021). Armada High School has the highest graduation rate in Macomb County and 96% of our graduates go on to college. Armada High School has been ranked #1 in Macomb County out of 28 high schools for four consecutive years (2017 – 2021) by the Michigan Department of Education's new school accountability system.

One of the main reasons behind our district receiving numerous program awards is due to our talented staff. The Armada students experience award winning instructors. Krause Later Elementary teacher Patricia Paxton was the recipient of Michigan's prestigious

Milken Award in 2010, which honors the most exemplary teacher in the state. Also in 2010, Armada High School social studies teacher, Jason Hundey, received the Macomb County High School Teacher of the Year. In 2013, four of our staff members received prestigious awards. Kelly Skokna, our former English and German teacher (current Asst. Superintendent), was the Macomb County High School Teacher of the Year; Rob Girvin (current Elem. Asst. Principal) was Michigan's Division 3 Girls' 2014 State Tennis Coach of the Year; Jim Carl was Michigan's Division 3 Boys' 2015 State Bowling Coach of the Year; and Randy Medley was Michigan's Division 3 Girls' 2021 State Bowling Coach of the Year.

In 2015 and 2020, our Boys Bowling team won the MHSAA Division 3 team State Championship. In 2016, our high school robotics team, the Fighting Pi, added another state championship title. Our H.S. Trap team added a state title in 2019 after only four years as a program in the Clay Target League. For the 2018/19 school year, Dave Fredette became Armada's first national coach of the year as he was named the National Boys Tennis Coach of the year by the National Federation of State High School Association. If you are involved or become involved in our district, you will see we have numerous other programs and staff members that are very much worthy of awards as well.

Even though we have outstanding staff and facilities, it takes a whole village to raise a child. Therefore, I want to encourage all parents that have a child in our district to get involved in your son or daughter's academic life. Whether it is helping your child with his/her homework or volunteering for an event, your involvement is critical to the success of our school system and community.

Thank you for visiting our website. We intend to have another great school year in Armada.

Regards,

Michael G. Musary, Ed.S.