



**LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOLS**  
**OJ DEJONGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Dear O.J. DeJonge Middle School Students and Families:

I have accepted the curriculum director position for Ludington Area Schools, where I will work in the central business office to support teachers and administrators across the school district. I am honored to have this opportunity to support students and staff across Ludington Area Schools. I will finish out the school year at O.J. and begin this new role on July 1, 2024.

Because of this change, O.J. DeJonge Middle School will have a new principal for the 2024-2025 school year. We will conduct a broad search to fill this position with input from our staff and community. The staff at O.J. will continue to do fantastic work with all students, and I am confident that the new leader of O.J. will assist students and staff in reaching their goals.

Serving the O.J. DeJonge Middle School community for the past eight years as both the assistant principal and principal has been an absolute pleasure. It has also been an honor to serve students in Ludington, and I hope to continue our tradition of excellence in Ludington Area Schools in my new role. I will continue to support our students, staff, and community in all that they do and will continue to work to provide a world-class education experience to all students.

Respectfully,

Michael Hart