



**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
BRIAN J. WHISTON**

Brian Whiston was appointed State Superintendent by the State Board of Education on March 18, 2015, effective July 1, 2015. He directs the Michigan Department of Education; chairs the State Board of Education; and advises the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the state Legislature regarding public education in Michigan.

Mr. Whiston previously served as superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools. Prior to that, he was director of Government and Community Services for Oakland Schools and was program assistant to the director at the Oakland County road commission.

Mr. Whiston served on the Waterford School District school board from 1991 to 2008 and taught for five years at Wayne State University. He served as chief of staff for former Senator Rudy Nichols from 1986 to 1991. He was elected president of the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association and is an honorary life member of the Michigan PTSA.

Superintendent Whiston has a master's degree in political science from Wayne State University. Brian and his wife, Beth, have four children and five grandchildren.