



LAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

WHEREAS The Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame is a tribute to men and women who have made exceptional contributions to society, achieved extraordinary success, exhibited good character and action, bringing honor and prestige to Lakewood Public Schools. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as outstanding role models for our students and have reached above and beyond the ordinary.

WHEREAS Mr. Michael O'Mara was raised in Lake Odessa, attended and graduated from Lakewood High School with notoriety of being a key player in the 1975 boys' basketball Class B state championship team. After graduation, he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Olivet College and played basketball while there. He earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Michigan State University.

WHEREAS In 1985, Mr. O'Mara returned to Lakewood Public Schools as a science teacher and coach for various sports. He spent years progressing in his profession as athletic director, high school assistant principal and principal. In 2006, he assumed the position of interim superintendent and ultimately the superintendent. His passion for students and unheralded leadership was vital in passing a bond that afforded much needed major renovations.

WHEREAS Mr. O'Mara and his wife, also an alumnus, lived and raised their family in the Lakewood community. Mr. O'Mara retired in 2015, ending a 55-year relationship as a student, or staff member at Lakewood. Mr. O'Mara's unwavering commitment as an educator, a leader, and selfless community member has enriched the lives of those around him.

WHEREAS Mr. O'Mara served as a dedicated member of the Spectrum Health Foundation at Pennock as Trustee and Chairman. During his 9 years on the Foundation's board, his devotion and commitment to providing funding sources for health related needs were deeply valued.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Lerner, Hall of Fame Chairman, do hereby proclaim that Mr. Michael O'Mara be inducted in the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of April, 2019.

Randall Fleenor, Superintendent of Schools

Jay Lerner, Assistant Superintendent