

Nominee: **Daniel Brant**  
Running for: **Member At Large**



**Nomination Statement:**

Dan has served Montcalm Area Intermediate School District (MAISD) as the Associate Superintendent of Special Education since August 2019. This includes oversight of all special education services and programs birth through age 26 with birth-3 Early On as well as 0-5 MMSE. Prior to this position, Dan served Kenowa Hills Public Schools as the Director of Early Childhood and Special Education for over 7 years. In this role and in addition to all special education oversight 0-26, Dan's responsibilities included administrative leadership of the Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center which housed a tuition-based general education preschool programs, GSRP programs, ECSE preschool programs, and a tuition-based daycare program serving children from 1.5 to 12 years. Dan has served as the special education director for Tri County Area Schools, the early childhood special education supervisor for MAISD, and an early childhood special education teacher. In his role as the EC special education supervisor, Dan was involved in the early stages of the Great Start Collaborative as well as the Early childhood Investment Corporation. Since 2018, Dan has served on the GSRP Curriculum/Assessment Review Committee led by Public Sector Consultants for the MDE. He has multiple experiences teaching graduate level learners in the areas of early childhood development and curriculum/assessment. He has presented many times to large groups (200 or more) of parents, educators, and community leaders. In 2008, Dan was appointed to the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning and Prevention Commission by Governor Granholm. Dan has been a longstanding active advocate for early childhood and special education in the educational community, but also legislatively in both Lansing and Washington DC. At the core of his advocacy is a strong commitment for universal high-quality preschool ages 3 and 4, inclusive preschool settings for children with disabilities, increasing affordable, high-quality daycare, and ensuring support for parents and families related to early childhood developmental resources. Dan is completely committed to the four main priorities that the MiDEC has established for the FY 2023 platform and has been for over 20 years. It would be an amazing opportunity to continue this commitment in this role.