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State Superintendent shares his vision for the future of education

Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services and Birmingham Public Schools co-hosted a conversation with Brian Whiston, State Superintendent of Schools, on September 12 at Pawley Hall.

The agenda for the day focused on effective school leadership as well as detailing the plan Mr. Whiston and the State Board of Education have developed to put Michigan in the top 10 states in terms of student achievement in the next 10 years.

"This visit was valuable in reaching current and future educators, so we can all understand and support the state's goals to better prepare our students for their careers," said Jon Margerum-Leys, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. "We were glad we had the opportunity to host this program along with Birmingham Schools, hear from Brian and had the chance to share ideas and strategies. Oakland University is and has always been community focused. This program is the kind of thing we love to do."

The program began as both Dr. Margerum-Leys and Dr. Daniel Nerad, Superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools provided welcome remarks. Then, Dr. Suzanne Klein, Director of the Galil Institute for Teacher Leadership and assistant professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership, introduced Mr. Whiston for his talk. Attendees also had an opportunity for a dialogue with Mr. Whiston and a chance to discuss ways of supporting the state goals to improve student achievement.

Learn more about the State Board's **Top 10 in 10 Plan** at the [Michigan Department of Education website](#).



State Superintendent of Schools Brian Whiston outlines the State Board of Education's plan to put Michigan in the top 10 states for student achievement in the next 10 years.

