



Hello. I'm John Jarpe, your Interim Superintendent for Watervliet Public Schools. I'll be here as your superintendent until June 30, 2019. I'm excited to lead the district, and I am eager to contribute to the continued growth and improvement of our students.

I grew up in Niles and graduated from Niles Senior High in 1968. I received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan in 1971, a Master's from Wayne State University in 1982, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University in 1998.

I have been an elementary and middle school teacher, a middle and high school coach, an assistant principal, a principal, a special education director, a curriculum director, and a superintendent. I've also taught college courses in educational leadership. I've enjoyed every single one of those jobs because I enjoy helping to create student success and learning.

I want to contribute my very best efforts to help Watervliet fulfill its mission to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society. If you see me out and about at school events, please say hello. Anytime you have a need to contact me, I assure you I will respond to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Jarpe
Interim Superintendent