

Berkley Schools Community Mourns Loss of Trustee Paul Ellison
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The following letter was sent out from Dennis McDavid,
Superintendent of Berkley Schools today:

Dear Berkley Schools Community,

It is with an incredibly heavy heart that I write to you. I received news today that current Board of Education Trustee Paul Ellison has passed away.

Paul bravely battled an aggressive form of cancer for over a year. His wife, Cathy, and son, Nick, are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers as they experience this difficult time.

Paul was a fierce Berkley Schools advocate. He was initially elected to the Board in May of 2006. His tenure with the Board included four years as Board President. He achieved the Level 4 Master Board Member award by taking Michigan Association of School Board classes, totaling 435 hours of professional development.

Paul served on various committees through the Oakland County School Board Association as well. Most recently he was on the legislative committee. Paul took his responsibility as a Board member seriously attending conferences, taking Board member classes and keeping abreast of school legislative issues. He was well known in Oakland County and the state for his leadership and dedication.

Recently, Mr. Ellison said, "I absolutely enjoy every aspect of Board service and remain very proud of the critically important work this Board has accomplished together."

Mr. Ellison will be deeply missed, and his legacy on the Berkley Board of Education will be felt for years.

Please join me in remembering Paul for his dedication and love for the Berkley Schools.

Sincerely,

Dennis McDavid

Superintendent

Berkley School District