



SENECA COUNTY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

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Dear Individuals, Families, Guardians, and Community Partners:

The Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities would like to inform all employees that during a special board meeting on July 8, 2026, Superintendent Lewis Hurst submitted his retirement, effective immediately.

We understand that leadership transitions may raise questions. We want to assure you that this change will not affect the services and supports provided to the individuals we serve. Our commitment to delivering high-quality, person-centered services remains our highest priority, and daily operations will continue without interruption.

Natasha Nichols will continue to serve as Interim Superintendent and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Opportunity Center during this transition. The Board has full confidence in her leadership and in our dedicated staff as we continue to carry out our mission.

Out of respect for employee privacy, the Board will not comment on confidential personnel matters. We appreciate your understanding and continued trust as we remain focused on supporting the individuals and families we are privileged to serve.

We are sorry that some of you may have first learned this news through social media. We had hoped to share this information with you directly before it became public. Unfortunately, that was not possible, due to circumstances beyond our control and we understand that this may be disappointing. We deeply value the trust you place in us and believe you deserve to hear important updates directly from us whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership and confidence in the Opportunity Center.

On behalf of the Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities,

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