# Schools hope superintendent starts soon rather than later

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

The Belleville Board of Education would like its new superintendent to start sooner rather than lat-

Dr. Edward Kliszus, Belleville's new superintendent of schools, is not supposed to start until late March, but officials are working to speed that up, according to School Board President John McManus.

"As soon they get an interim superintendent (in Denville Township, where he is currently superintendent), we're hoping they will release him," McManus said.

All of this depends on delicate negotiations between Kiszus and his current employer.

Having him aboard will allow the district to move forward more quickly, he said.

ed as soon as possible," McManus

Before Denville, Kliszus spent 27 years in Union Township where he was a school principal, director of gifted and talented and computer education, and coordinator of Union High School's alternative high school. He was also an instrumental music teacher, serving as high school marching band director and director of music.

Kliszus has taught as a professor on the adjunct faculties of both Bergen Community College and Kean University. In his artistic pursuits, he has served as conductor and music director of the Union Symphony Orchestra for 16 years and during the same period directed the Union Music School, a performing and fine arts school for students from pre-K through grade

"We would like him to get start- 12. For many years he performed professionally on both the trumpet and piano.

Kliszus holds a bachelor of music degree from Nyack College, a master of music degree from the Manhattan School of Music, and a doctor of philosophy degree from New York University.

Former superintendent Dr. Joseph Ciccone retired Sept. 1 to take a teaching job at the College of St. Elizabeth, teaching school administration.

Joseph Kraemer, who was director of curriculum and instruction, was then named acting superintendent, but was no longer a candidate for the superintendent's job.

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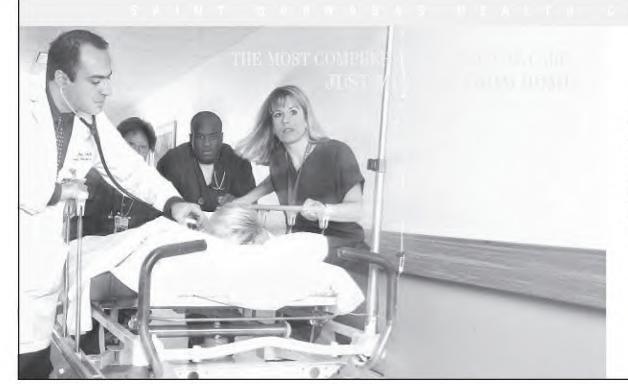
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