

**Mr. Michael Ward
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Michael Ward received the Bachelor in Music Education degree from Bowling Green State University in 1973 and the Master's degree in Education from the University of Dayton in 1988. Additionally, he received the Supervisor Principal and Assistant Superintendent Certification for the State of Ohio from Ashland College in 1989 & 1990. In 1976 he was selected as the Man of the Year in Canton, Ohio. His McKinley Senior High School Band (Ohio) has won numerous honors and national prominence in various parades, competitions, and performances. He has played with Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Temptations, and Aretha Franklin. He was the first African-American Band Leader in northeastern Ohio. He is currently the Principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in Cleveland, Ohio.