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Hugh Kinney Named Missouri 2006 Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Hugh Kinney, Superintendent of the Pattonville School District has been named the Missouri Superintendent of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA). The announcement of the award was made during the Missouri School Boards' Association and MASA joint fall conference held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, October 20-23.

As the winner of this award, Kinney received a plaque acknowledging his selection; a \$500 scholarship for a student in the Pattonville School District and a commemorative ring. The scholarship is sponsored by the Missouri Securities Investment Program. As the recipient of this award, Dr. Kinney will represent Missouri in the national Superintendent of the Year program conducted by the American Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Kinney has served as the superintendent of the Pattonville School District since 1997. From 1995 to 1997, he was superintendent of the Affton School District and from 1992 to 1995 he was the West Area Superintendent for the Parkway School District. Kinney also served the Francis Howell School District from 1981 to 1992 as an Associate/Assistant Superintendent.

Under Kinney's leadership, the Pattonville School District has focused on student achievement. The district has earned four consecutive Distinction in Performance awards from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and has received local and state recognition for narrowing the achievement gap for African-American students. Dr. Kinney has structured all staff development around meeting the district goals for student achievement. All staff is trained on incorporating reading, writing and critical thinking skills into their area of instruction through Pattonville's Literacy Project. In addition, the district's staff has been trained in differentiated instruction to meet students' individual learning needs. The Pattonville School District has received the Missouri Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Professional Development in 2004.

Kinney received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northeast Missouri State University, his specialist and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University. He is a member of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, the American Association of School Administrators, the International Superintendent's Institute; past chairperson of the Cooperating School Districts; and he served as director of the Metropolitan Vocational-Technical Cooperative from 2002 to 2005.

He is active in the community serving in leadership positions on the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation; the Black Leadership Roundtable Superintendent's Advisory Committee; the Characterplus St. Louis Area Character Education Program; the Northwest Communities Chamber of Commerce and the St. Louis Region School Night for Scouting.

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