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Kinney named Administrator of the Year

Dr. Hugh Kinney, superintendent of the Pattonville School District, was recently named Administrator of the Year by the Missouri School Public Relations Association (MoSPRA).

Kinney was presented the award during a joint state conference by MoSPRA and the Missouri School Administrators Association (MASA). He was chosen for the award due to his extensive experience and emphasis on communicating with Pattonville students, staff, parents and community members.

“In the seven years that Dr. Hugh Kinney has served as superintendent of the Pattonville School District, he has made a profound impact on Pattonville and the children we serve,” said Pattonville Board President Pat Bryant. “He is a true instructional leader, but also a very gifted communicator, one of the reasons he has been so successful. Because of his skills as a communicator, Pattonville has embraced change for the benefit of our students, while also weathering several critical issues in addition to improving student achievement.”

During his tenure in Pattonville, Dr. Kinney has faced an airport expansion that forced the closing of two popular neighborhood elementary schools. He also addressed redistricting of school attendance areas, aging facilities in need of repair, outdated technology, a decline in enrollment along with a reduction in work force, low fund balances and changes in the desegregation program.

“Dr. Kinney has had his plate full in working through some complex issues and communicating important developments that the community needed to understand and be a part of,” said Mickey Schoonover, director of school-community relations. “Any major decisions and initiatives are made with input and assistance by all stakeholders – parents, students, staff and the community.”

Kinney currently serves as president of the Greater St. Louis District of the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) and as the chairperson of the Cooperating School Districts, a consortium of 61 area school districts. Kinney has also been named chairperson of School Night for Scouting in St. Louis County and recently completed a two-year term as chairperson of the Characterplus program. Kinney has served as superintendent of Pattonville since 1997. He was the superintendent of the Affton School District prior to coming to Pattonville and also served as an area superintendent in the Parkway School District.

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