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John Jungmann Named Missouri Superintendent of the Year



Dr. John Jungmann, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, has been named Superintendent of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators during its annual fall conference held Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri.

MASA Executive Director, Roger Kurtz stated, "John Jungmann is one of the go-to educational leaders both in Missouri and beyond. Dr. Jungmann is committed to providing outstanding educational opportunities for the students of his district and he has made a priority of effectively collaborating with staff, parents and community members to assure high quality education for all students."

Dr. Jungmann was selected for the honor in part because of his commitment to moving SPS toward a focus on understanding and addressing opportunity gaps for all of SPS' 25,000 students. Throughout the process, he has engaged numerous stakeholder groups in conversations to identify priorities and solutions. When he became superintendent in 2014, he launched the community engagement process, culminating with the development of the district's new strategic plan.

Additionally, Dr. Jungmann's leadership with the Imagine SPS initiative challenged SPS, parents, students, business leaders and school personnel to dream of ways to make learning more engaging, relevant and personal. Their creativity was the catalyst for many of the innovative programs and initiatives now being implemented, including the redesign and expansion of summer learning opportunities, deployment of technology, flexible schedules and furnishings, and creation of collaborative learning spaces.

"I am honored to accept this award as recognition of the innovative work being done at SPS and would like to acknowledge the support of more than 4,000 SPS employees who work each day to make learning more engaging, relevant and personal for our 25,000 students," said Dr. Jungmann.

Beyond the leadership he provides for SPS, Dr. Jungmann promotes and enhances the image of public education through his involvement in educational organizations,

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including MASA and the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Jungmann actively advocates for quality public education to organizations and associations throughout the region, state and nation.

Dr. Jungmann will be recognized during the AASA National Conference on Education in New Orleans in March for his state selection and will be considered for AASA's National Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Jungmann has served students in Missouri's public schools for 15 years. Prior to joining SPS in 2014, he served as superintendent of the Monett R-1 School District and Liberty Public Schools.

About MASA

The Missouri Association of School Administrators is the statewide association of public school superintendents and central office administrators. MASA develops and supports effective public school leaders who positively impact the lives of Missouri students.