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### **Pattonville's Fulton Named MASA Superintendent of the Year**

The Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Mike Fulton, Superintendent of the Pattonville School District, the 2015 Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The announcement of the award was made at the joint Annual Fall Conference of MASA and the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach

As the winner of this recognition, Fulton received an award acknowledging his selection, a \$500 scholarship for a student in the Pattonville School District and a commemorative ring. The award is sponsored by PFM Asset Management, LLC, which is the program administrator for the Missouri Securities Investment Program. As the recipient of the award, Fulton will represent Missouri in the National Superintendent of the Year program conducted by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).



Fulton has served as the Pattonville superintendent since 2007; prior to his current post, he served as a director and assistant superintendent in Pattonville from 1995-2007, and as an assessment coordinator for the School District of Clayton from 1993 to 1995.

Fulton's achievements as a leader of the Pattonville School District are many, but all have the central focus of student achievement, whether that be academic success, citizenship or college and career readiness. Fulton and his staff employ three strategies to assure the success of their students: data teams to monitor and determine learning progress, effective use of school improvement teams to engage stakeholders in school and district improvement efforts, and building positive relationships with students which leads to better citizenship.

As leader of the Pattonville School District, Fulton has put a premium on community engagement and communication efforts. The district has been recognized at the state level for their public engagement program and these efforts have lead to the passage of multiple bond issues.

A firm believer in professionalism, Fulton has overseen a new administrator evaluation system that promotes student proficiency on curriculum, continuous use of ongoing assessment data to monitor student progress and policies to promote students as responsible citizens. The district also provides staff ongoing, job-embedded, research-based professional development. These endeavors are part of the reason the Pattonville School District, one of the most diverse school districts in Missouri, has received national and statewide recognition for excellence.

Dr. Tom Williams, Superintendent of the Kirkwood School District, said, “Dr. Fulton is a true advocate for all children. His focus never waivers from doing what’s best for the students. His leadership skills, collaborative nature and passion for helping all children achieve are what is needed most in school systems throughout our nation.”

Fulton serves on the AASA Governing Board, the Show Me Accreditation and Assessment Task Force, MASA’s Executive Board, the Kansas/Missouri Leadership Forum, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. Fulton has served on myriad task forces, boards, projects and committees as part of his service to education and his community.