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JAMES CAPOLUPO NAMED FINALIST FOR 2013 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Springfield School District superintendent recognized as outstanding educational leader

Superintendent James P. Capolupo has been named a Finalist for the 2013 National Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of School Superintendents (NASS). Capolupo is Superintendent of the Springfield School District in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

The decision was announced Monday, July 1, at the NASS offices in Newport Beach, California. The recognition is based on three primary criteria:

- * Outstanding achievement as a school district superintendent,
- * Demonstrated belief in continuous improvement, and
- * Commitment to collaboration and mutual support in the profession.

Selection Panel Chairperson Patricia Beaver described Capolupo as a “model of uncompromising dedication to literacy and academic achievement.” According to Beaver, Capolupo is passionate about providing quality schools and the importance of connecting “school to home”. Capolupo focuses on two goals every year: 100% of fourth grade students must read at grade level and 100% of students must go on to college. His district’s motto is “We Believe Every Student Can Read”, and it is on street banners, in school buildings, and on business cards for every employee. His staff strives to meet the needs of each child by customizing educational programs to meet individual requirements. He is proud that every school in the Springfield District has achieved Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) 7 years in a row. He is also proud with pride at the district’s new K-1 Literacy Center, which won four awards within two years of opening.

NASS Executive Director Dr. Theresa Daem said Capolupo represents what educational leaders need to be today. “It is clear that our country’s educational system faces tremendous challenges and is in need of dynamic and continuously improving leadership.” According to Daem, there simply is not one simple “fix” for education. “The real answer is leveraging the collective know-how of stellar district superintendents like Dr. Capolupo. We are very proud to have him as an active member, and we are anticipating many valuable contributions to the profession,” she added.

Finalists for the award also included Sonny Da Marto, Superintendent of the Turlock Unified School District in Turlock, California; Sandra Smyser, Superintendent of the Eagle County School District in Eagle, Colorado; Brett Stanton, Superintendent of Haralson County Schools in Tallapoosa, Georgia; and Don Haddad, Superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District in Longmont, Colorado.

The National Association of School Superintendents serves the unique needs of the more than 17,000 school district leaders across the country by providing them with ongoing opportunities for collaborating and sharing as well as building a collection of resources and benefits. Its website address is NASS.us.

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