



**National Association of
School Superintendents**
United in Common Purpose: Each Other's Success

Name

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INTRODUCTION

Education

Ed.D. Lipscomb University, 2022
M.A.T Emory University, 2000
B.A. Middle Tennessee University, 1995

Experience

**2023-Present Superintendent of Schools
Sumner County Schools, TN**

**2018-2023 Director of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer
Sumner County Schools**

**2014-2018 Principal, White House High School
Sumner County Schools**

**2011-2014 Assistant Principal, White House Middle School
Sumner County Schools**

**2009-2011 English Teacher, White House High School
Sumner County Schools**

**1999-2003 History Teacher, Forest Park High School
Clayton County Schools, Georgia**

Outstanding Achievement(s)

2022 Tennessee Supervisor of the Year, Tennessee Department of Education

AN INTERVIEW

Tell us about how you see today's superintendent.

Superintendents play a pivotal role in leading our school systems but also being a vibrant part of local communities. Our community leadership is important to tell the story of our school system and celebrate the accomplishments.

At the same time, superintendents are tasked with identifying the changes to ensure our students are prepared for a rapidly changing world. How do we prepare students for rapid technological change?

Being a superintendent today requires us to learn constantly and create a culture where we are all willing to learn, change, and evolve to give the best education to our students.

What new understandings did you acquire after two or three years on the job?

The importance of every aspect of district office leadership is incredibly important. Building strong relationships with school board members is also vital. Being able to manage a team of high flyers without being too involved in the day-to-day work.

Share an idea to use or something you've learned with your colleagues.

President Kennedy said, "We will put a man on the moon in the next decade not because it is easy but because it is hard." I have learned that we have to start asking bigger questions that transcend accountability measures and test scores. We can and must build relationships across all parts of our community, listen, and lead our schools in new ways!

Submitted by:

_____Scott Langford_____ 04/30/2026_____

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Date