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NASS Superintendent Recognition - Finalist

Gates County Public Schools superintendent honored for extraordinary leadership

Dr. Phillip “Barry” Williams, Superintendent of the Gates County Public Schools was chosen as a Finalist for the 2022 National Association of School Superintendents (NASS) Recognition. Dr. Williams has served in this role since 2011.

Superintendent Williams is described as “a dedicated system leader with documented success across many metrics” by Selection Panel Member and former NASS Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Jim Capolupo.

Dr. Williams and the Gates County team was recently recognized for the refurbishment of an existing gymnasium into a state-of-the-art fitness facility. Dr. Williams credits the collaborative effort of many individuals and groups in providing the vision, design, construction and funding to make the fitness center come to fruition.

NASS Founder, Dr. Theresa Daem said, “It’s truly an honor to celebrate such leaders.” According to Daem, our country must demand dynamic and dedicated leaders both locally and nationally, and Dr. Barry Williams is an example of the optimal educational leadership needed for today’s school systems.” She added, “We need to do more than recognize excellence. It’s time to capitalize on the combined knowledge and expertise of exceptional school district superintendents like Dr. Williams.”

Finalists for the award also included Dr. Nikki Woodson, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Indianapolis, Indiana and Mr. Rob Clayton, Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Mr. Clayton earned top honors in the 2022 Superintendent of the Year Recognition.

NASS recognitions are based on evidence of outstanding achievement as a school district superintendent, demonstrated belief in continuous improvement, and commitment to collaboration and mutual support in the profession.

The National Association of School Superintendents serves the unique needs of the more than 13,000 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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For more information or to schedule an interview with Theresa Daem on the history of the organization and this award, send an email to tdaem@nass.us.