

Congratulations

Jon Collins

for being recognized as the

Superintendent of the Year!

Mr. Jon Collins, Superintendent of West Memphis School District, was presented with the 2018 Arkansas Superintendent of the Year Award. Dr. Richard Abernathy, Executive Director for the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators (AAEA), surprised Mr. Collins, presenting him with the award at a school board meeting September 19.

West Memphis School District (WMSD) has a long history of serving as the cornerstone educational provider in the heart of the Mississippi River Delta region of Arkansas. WMSD is the largest employer in Crittenden County and the 14th largest school district in Arkansas, serving approximately 5,600 students through eleven campuses. Jon Collins, a native of West Memphis, has served as Superintendent of WMSD since July 2013. Under his leadership, the West Memphis School District was approved for the first conversion charter school in the history of our state to partner a high school with a community college.

Mr. Collins goal to always consider the best interest of his students is evident in this quote, "Instead of a desk plate with my name on it, I prefer to display one with two words: Students First. Students First has been my battle cry since July 1, 2013 when I assumed the role of Superintendent of Schools of the West Memphis School District."

Mr. Collins has been a member of AAEA since 2001 and is involved in other community and professional organizations. He has received numerous honors and awards related to his work as a school administrator.

