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## **Moline-Coal Valley's Moyer honored as 'Superintendent of Distinction'**

Moline-Coal Valley Superintendent Dave Moyer was honored as a regional "Superintendent of Distinction" at an awards luncheon Tuesday (April 21) at the governor's Executive Mansion in Springfield. Moyer was selected by his peers in the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) Blackhawk Region.

"I consider the selection representative of a supportive board president and courageous and forward-looking board of education, the strong leadership of my cabinet and administrative team, and the hard work of many teacher leaders in the district," said Moyer, who has been an educator for 27 years and has served as superintendent of Moline School District 40 the past four years. "They all helped us move closer to making the vision of raising the bar and closing the achievement gap for all students an everyday reality in Moline-Coal Valley."

Moyer was one of 20 school superintendents from around the state to be recognized as a "Superintendent of Distinction." Governor Bruce Rauner and IASA Executive Director Brent Clark were among those taking part in the awards ceremony.

"Public education is facing some of its most difficult times, and that is when leadership is most important. These 'Superintendents of Distinction' were selected by their peers in their regions because of the dedication, commitment and leadership that they have demonstrated, and we are pleased to recognize them for what they do to fulfill the promise of public education for children all over the state," Clark said.

Moyer graduated from the University of Wisconsin, attained his Master's Degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and Northern Illinois University and his Doctor's Degrees from Northern Illinois University. He served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent in Wisconsin before being named superintendent of the Moline district in 2012.

At Moline, Moyer has helped the district to achieve several accomplishments, including:

- Construction of a state-of-the-art 21<sup>st</sup> century elementary school with no impact on the tax rate;
- A balanced budget in the current school year after six years of deficits;
- Implementation of 1:1 personalized learning in grades 5-12 set to begin this fall;
- Opening a Dual Language Academy;
- More than doubling the number of Advance Placement classes at the high school, bringing the number to 15;
- Establishing a gifted education partnership with Purdue University and an engineering partnership with Western Illinois University; and

- Implementing co-teaching at all grade levels to ensure that every student has access to a guaranteed and viable curriculum.

Moyer and his wife Donna have four sons, Ryan, Brooks, Cal and Brett, and one daughter, JoJo.

The awards and luncheon were sponsored by Horace Mann, one of the nation's largest insurers focusing on educators' needs, and Herff Jones, one of the largest suppliers of class rings, yearbooks and graduation caps, gowns and announcements.

"Superintendents face many challenges. From balancing budgets to keeping schools and students safe, they work to put the needs of students first and consistently work to find, nurture and support quality teachers," said Marita Zuraitis, Horace Mann President and Chief Executive Officer. "Their efforts make their schools outstanding learning environments, and that excellence is what the IASA is celebrating. Horace Mann is proud to recognize and applaud the IASA 'Superintendents of Distinction.' "

"Herff Jones celebrates the educational leaders who are being recognized today for promoting and encouraging excellence in their schools," said Sales Representative Elizabeth Elsner. "Thank you for educating our children."