

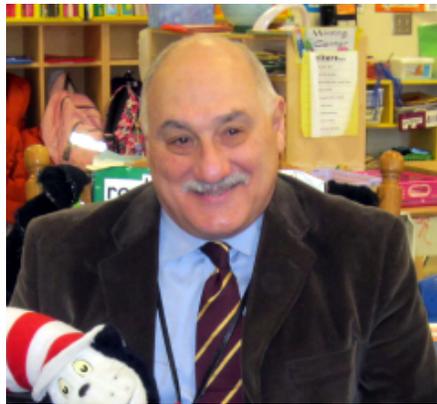


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Springfield Schools Chief Named Union County Superintendent of the Year



Springfield Schools Superintendent Michael A. Davino is available to comment on Education-Related Issues.

Springfield, NJ October 3, 2016Michael A. Davino, Chief Education Officer, Springfield Public Schools, was selected the 2017 Union County Superintendent of the Year.

In making the nomination, then Union County Affiliate President Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Chief Education Officer, Linden, said, "Mike Davino is the consummate teacher and educational leader. He believes that the educational environment must be student-centered. He has created an environment in his district where children are more actively involved in their learning through the use of a technology one-to-one initiative."

The 2017 Union County Superintendent of the Year Davino said, "It is an honor for me to have my colleagues select me to represent them in this prestigious award process."

Technology and Curriculum integration initiatives, a hallmark of Davino's instructional leadership, afford the students of Springfield several unique and innovative programs. His leadership provided the foundation of the first one-to-one laptop program in a middle school within New Jersey. The National School Boards Association ranked the Springfield district the first in their Digital District Survey for small districts.

Under his tutelage, the academic programs of the Jonathan Dayton High School have been enhanced and the advanced placement offerings have increased significantly. Both of these improvements have contributed to school's higher student academic performance. *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* recognized the high school as one of the top 75 high schools in the state. In addition, *Newsweek Magazine* ranked the high school as one of the nation's top high schools.

The selection process for the 2017 Superintendent of the Year begins with a request of each of New Jersey's 21 counties to nominate a candidate to be considered as the New Jersey's Superintendent of the Year. The selection criteria recommends each County Superintendent of the Year should have a minimum of five-years experience as a chief school administrator, a record of service with their county affiliate and NJASA, and a distinguished record as an educator.

This is the ninth year of NJASA's process to name selected individuals who will serve as the county's nominee to compete for the position of one of three New Jersey Regional Superintendents of the Year and the possibility of being chosen the New Jersey Superintendent of the Year nominee, who then competes for the 2017 National AASA Superintendent of the Year title.

A committee of NJASA Past Presidents will select the 2017 New Jersey Superintendent of the Year. The program, established in 1988 and sponsored by Aramark, VALIC, and AASA, is open to all public school superintendents in the United States and overseas.

The selection qualifications for the State and National Superintendent of the Year include: meeting the needs of their students, demonstrated communication strength, a commitment to professional development and growth, and significant community involvement. Additionally, at the state and regional levels, NJASA has a fifth qualification that addresses service to the Association.

AASA will announce the National Superintendent of the Year at its Annual Conference on Education in March 2017. The recipient of this prestigious honor will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for a student at the high school where the superintendent graduated.

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