

GSSA's SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR LETTER

July 25, 2017

To board chairs, superintendents, GSSA cabinet-level members, and RESA directors:

I write to ask once again for your involvement in a process that is important to the Georgia School Superintendents Association and to the local school superintendents in this state: the selection of the **2018 Superintendent of the Year**. I hope you will help.

As you know, the announcement of the winner of this prestigious award is made each year at the GSBA/GSSA Conference in December. This year, we will once again use a nomination process to choose our winner. And, as we always do, we plan to recognize three other superintendents as "finalists" in order to give well-deserved recognition to as many outstanding superintendents and boards as possible. It is always fun to watch board members and staff stand proudly when their own superintendent receives such an honor, and we want to "spread the joy" while at the same time ensuring that we have selected the most deserving candidate.

We will offer the opportunity to make nominations to a number of people, and I hope that you will consider nominating a deserving superintendent. Should you choose to do so, I would appreciate your completing the enclosed form entitled, "For Nominators Only." The completed form, with comments limited to the front and back of that form, should be signed and returned to my attention at the address below <u>no later than August 25, 2017</u>. (Note: Please ignore the "note to applicant" on the form; those directions will only apply to the finalists, as they are the only ones who will complete an "application" for the award.) A selection committee appointed by the GSSA president will choose the four finalists and encourage them to complete the remaining application materials. The **2018 Superintendent of the Year** will be selected from among the four finalists and the winner announced at our joint conference at the Waverly in December, 2017.

I thank you in advance for your assistance and for your support of the Georgia School Superintendents Association. <u>Our process is moving exclusively to an electronic format so, you are receiving this in an email format ONLY.</u> Please feel free to call me if I may answer questions or be of service to you.

Sincerely,

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