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## **Indian River County School District Superintendent Named Florida's 2025 Superintendent of the Year**

Tampa, FL – The School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) Superintendent Dr. David Moore was named the Florida 2025 Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Dr. Moore was formally recognized today in Tampa during the joint meeting of FADSS and the Florida School Boards Association. Moore is the 37<sup>th</sup> superintendent to receive this honor since the inception of the awards program in 1988.

“David leads with compassion and conviction, driven by a work ethic grounded in servant leadership and a commitment to educational excellence to drive transformative change in public schools,” states FADSS President and St. Johns County Schools Superintendent Tim Forson. “David is not only an exceptional superintendent with a proven track record of success; he is a true servant leader committed to educational excellence and is truly deserving of this award,” adds Forson.

Dr. Moore is a seasoned education administrator with nearly 30 years of experience. Upon becoming the SDIRC superintendent, Dr. Moore initiated work to completely re-envision education in the district and solidified a framework for systems change through the development and implementation of the ACHIEVE 2025 District Strategic Plan, which enabled the district to move forward with significant shifts in practice to maximize student learning outcomes. Under his leadership, the SDIRC has improved its state ranking by an impressive 29 positions from 38<sup>th</sup> in the 2018-2019 academic year to 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2023-2024 academic year.

“Those who choose to pursue the path as a public school superintendent do so not for the glory, but rather the opportunity to make a positive difference in children’s lives, and David Moore exemplifies this passion and commitment each and every day,” states FADSS CEO Senator Bill Montford. “David is widely respected throughout Florida, not only by superintendents of Florida, but by all who know him and have had the opportunity to work with him. He is an asset to this association and his leadership is valued by his colleagues throughout the state,” adds Montford.

Prior to joining the SDIRC in 2019, Dr. Moore had a successful educational career with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), where he provided significant contributions that led to M-DCPS becoming one of the nation’s highest performing urban school districts. There he served in several district administrative positions including Assistant Superintendent, Division of Academic Support and Administrative Director, Education Transformation Office. At the school-based level, he served as a principal (2005 -2012), Assistant Principal (2001 to 2005), and classroom teacher.

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Dr. Moore was named as a National School Public Relations Association “Superintendent to Watch 2021,” and during the 2022-2023 academic year he completed the Yale University Fellowship Program for Educational Leaders and the Florida Chief Executive Officers District Leadership Program which is administered by FADSS.

“I am deeply humbled and grateful to have been selected as Florida’s 2025 Superintendent of the Year,” says Dr. Moore. “It is a privilege to be chosen from a class of outstanding and dedicated superintendents in this state, who are fiercely committed to ensuring academic excellence and opportunities for all students. This recognition is truly an honor personally, but more so, it reflects the outstanding achievements and tireless work of everyone who is part of the SDIRC community.”

The process for selecting Florida’s Superintendent of the Year was established by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), a national organization of school superintendents and other educational leaders. Moore will represent all Florida superintendents at the [AASA’s 2025 National Education Conference](#) held March 6 – 8, 2025, in New Orleans, LA, where he will be recognized and honored for his public education service in Florida. The National Superintendent of the Year® Program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead our nation’s public schools.

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*Photo Caption: Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) President and St. Johns County Schools Superintendent Tim Forson (left) and FADSS CEO Senator Bill Montford (right) present the 2025 Superintendent of the Year Award to Indian County School District Superintendent Dr. David Moore (center).*

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