

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 83

Introduced by McCollister, 20; Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, Westside Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Blane McCann was named the Outstanding Educational Leader of 2017 and was recognized this month at the Phi Delta Kappa World Café and Awards; and

WHEREAS, Phi Delta Kappa International (PDK) is a professional association for educators that brings together the top leaders, thinkers and doers to collaborate and inspire one another; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCann is responsible for the current vision and strategic plan for Westside Community Schools and is a personalized learning leader. He models constant learning by leading administrative learning labs, presenting during professional learning days and serving as a week-long session leader for the Confratute at the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCann became the superintendent for Westside Community Schools in 2012. In 1981, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary social studies education from Miami University in Ohio. He then worked as a social studies teacher in Florida and Iowa. In 1983, Dr. McCann earned a Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. From 1987 to 2000, Dr. McCann worked as an administrator for the Kenosha Unified School District in Wisconsin. In 2000, he earned a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership from Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 2003, Dr. McCann became superintendent of the Shorewood School District in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. McCann has been active in numerous professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Kenosha School Administrators Association and the National Staff

Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCann was also one of ten superintendents from across the country to complete the first Lexington Education Leadership Award Fellowship from the Lexington Institute and was invited to the White House as a recognized thought leader for the United States Department of Education's Connected Summit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dr. Blane McCann of Westside Community Schools for being named the Outstanding Educational Leader of 2017 by PDK Chapter No. 0116.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. McCann, Westside Director of Communications Brandi Petersen and Westside Community Schools Board of Education President David Williams.