

# **Superintendent Board Report**

## **August 2025**

- The Dupo School District is proud to announce this year's recipients of the S.T.A.R. (Superior Teachers Are Revered) Awards. These educators are being honored for their outstanding commitment and contributions to our schools.

The 2024 S.T.A.R. Award winners are:

- Tony Hempen from Dupo High School
- Anna Beckmann from Dupo Jr. High
- Richelle Metz from Bluffview Elementary

We congratulate these exceptional teachers on this well-deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication to student success.

- At this year's Teacher Institute, two staff members were honored for their outstanding commitment to perfect attendance: Anna Beckman from Dupo Junior High and Michelle Ozee from Bluffview Elementary.
- The Health Life Safety construction project with Veregy is now complete. The chiller has been successfully installed at Dupo Jr./Sr. High, along with the concrete work, roof replacement, and bleacher repairs. The remodeled bathrooms and new alarm systems also look fantastic. At Bluffview Elementary, the bollard work, new storefront, and alarms are also finished and look great.
- For our Teacher Institute Day on Tuesday, we had an inspiring guest speaker, Monica Genta. Her presentation, "180 Days of Awesome: Celebrating Every Day of Education," was a fantastic reminder to focus on the positive moments in our profession. She was dynamic and engaging, and our teachers were captivated by her message. On the second day of the Institute, Gina Long from TMC led a valuable session titled "Taking an Assets-based Approach to Multilingual Learners."
- Alaina Scherle was awarded a grant from the Illinois Retired Teachers Foundation. The grant will be used specifically for the purchase of new novels to be used in both her classroom and Ms. Dickerson's special education classroom.
- Phase 2 of the door skin project at Dupo High School is now complete and looks fantastic! We are excited that this was finished before the start of the school year.