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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Dr. Jared Cleveland, Superintendent of Springdale School District, Selected as 2023 Superintendent of the Year by Arkansas Association of School Administrators (AASA)**

Little Rock, AR – Dr. Jared Cleveland, Superintendent of Springdale School District, was recently presented with the 2023 Arkansas Superintendent of the Year Award. Dr. Mike Hernandez, Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators (AAEA), presented him with the award at the Springdale School District board meeting on September 13.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Superintendent of the Year program, sponsored by First Student, AIG Retirement Services, and AASA, pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead the nation's public schools. Candidates are judged on the following criteria: leadership for learning, communication, professionalism, and community involvement. Each State's association of school administrators around the nation selects a State Superintendent of the Year. These superintendents are then in the running for the National Superintendent of the Year award and will be recognized and honored at the AASA National Conference in February.

Dr. Cleveland is in his third year as Superintendent of the Springdale School District and his 29th year in education. Dr. Cleveland is passionate about preparing students to enter the global workforce through the integration of technology, real-world applications, and rigorous instruction. His educational mission is to develop minds that think, hearts that care, and hands that serve.

*A peer of Dr. Cleveland stated, "Jared Cleveland exemplifies every aspect of successful educational leadership. He is charged daily with leading the largest school district in the state, and does a phenomenal job of navigating difficult challenges that come with an organization of that size. Dr. Cleveland is innovative in his approach to education which helps the students of Springdale. He is always trying to come up with new ideas that will improve the educational experience for his students. The Springdale School District is very diverse with students from a variety of different ethnic backgrounds. Jared leads a school district that embraces this diversity and celebrates many different cultures. He is constantly trying to motivate and develop leadership within his organization and cultivate successful leaders in other districts as well. And, all of this with the goal of improving academic achievement across our state."*