



Stowers Named Administrator of the Year

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Pulaski ---- Pulaski County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Don Stowers, has been named Administrator of the Year by the Virginia Media Association.

Nominated by the ten Library Media Specialists of the Pulaski County School System, Stowers was cited for his "leadership abilities in providing guidance for our school system and our library centers."

Stowers was further commended for his sensitivity to the need for an administrator of curriculum in the central office and his "vision for the role of the school library and the school library media specialist in education."

The nomination went on to recognize Stowers' respect for the "vital role of today's library media center in the education of our students. He recognizes the elements of a quality library media program countywide and is an advocate for securing the necessary funding."

The school system's Library Media Specialists also noted the superintendent's "keen perception of library needs" demonstrated by his providing laptop computers for each of the media specialists, thus enhancing their capability to accomplish their work.

Calling attention to Stowers' efforts to achieve parity among county schools, the nomination states, "This present year, Dr. Stowers has focused on achieving equity among the schools regarding the library collections at each site. To accomplish that need, he allocated more funding. These funds are allowing development of core collections that provide each student in the county the same quality of materials regardless of the size of the school, the PTA budget, or Book Fair sales."

The letter of nomination continued, “Dr. Stowers has enhanced communication by treating us as professionals, greeting us personally, making time to visit our school libraries, and conducting round table discussions in which teachers are able to discuss concerns of each school. Dr. Stowers is a most caring, sincere, and professional administrator. He makes it a point to know the people who work in the county school system and greets each with a smile. He sees the best in his entire staff. He also stays in touch with the students and faculties in each school. During Critzer Elementary School’s RIF Contest, he spent time ‘Rockin and Readin’ in the rocking chair for guest readers. Dr. Stowers has made a weekly commitment to mentor two students at Claremont Elementary for the HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) Program, setting an example for our students and our community.”

The nomination also called attention to Stowers’ ability to work with Pulaski County School Board, making mention of the construction of the new Pulaski Elementary School being the first new school built in Pulaski County in thirty years.

Stowers was selected as Administrator of the Year during the Virginia Educational Media Association’s state convention on Nov. 19 in Roanoke.