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Wayne Barker named 2023 Superintendent of the Year by Indiana Association of Public Schools Superintendents

Barker represents District II of VIII for Indiana

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Oct. 4, 2022) – Northwest Allen County Schools officials proudly reiterate the Indiana Association of Public Schools Superintendents announcement naming its new superintendent, Wayne Barker, Ed.S., as the 2023 IAPSS Superintendent of the Year at the state conference yesterday in Indianapolis.

“To say that I’m humbled and honored to be the Indiana Superintendent of the Year is a drastic understatement,” said Wayne Barker, superintendent, Northwest Allen County Schools. “Knowing the work of my colleagues across our great state, I, in no way feel deserving of this recognition.”

Find Mr. Barker’s full speech on the NACS website [here](#).

With 33 years of experience in public education, Wayne Barker, has served in a variety of capacities from teacher and coach to administrator and superintendent in school districts throughout northern and central Indiana. Barker began his career as a high school business teacher and coach at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is currently the Superintendent of Northwest Allen County Schools.

“As a longtime member of the Northwest Allen County School Board and its current president, I am pleased and gratified that NACS Superintendent Wayne Barker has been named the 2023 Superintendent of the Year by the Indiana Association of Public Schools Superintendents,” said Ron Felger, president, NACS Board of Schools Trustees. “This award is indicative of the high esteem that Mr. Barker is held by his peers across the state of Indiana. I have no doubt that the NACS community in general and its current and future student populations in particular will benefit from Wayne’s servant leadership as superintendent for many years to come.

I truly hope that the Northwest Allen County Schools community and future Northwest Allen County Schools boards are appreciative of Mr. Barker and educate themselves as to the roles of school board and superintendents. I have sat on this board in excess of 40 years, known a lot of superintendents and board members around the state and the nation. I will say that Wayne exemplifies the qualities that an effective superintendent should possess. People possessing his qualities do not come around often.”

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Prior to his current position Mr. Barker served as superintendent of Schools for School City of Mishawaka and he served as superintendent for Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District. Mr. Barker is recognized throughout the state for his development and implementation of educational programming that promotes effective instruction, sustainable student engagement, and strong academic achievement. Wayne has been an active member of the IAPSS serving in a variety of leadership positions with the association. Wayne currently is the District II Chairperson.

Barker obtained his Bachelor of Science in business education from Ball State University in 1989 and his Master of Science in administrative leadership from Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne in 1998. Later he completed his specialist in education degree (Ed.S.) in educational leadership, thus, acquiring his superintendent's license in 2006.

Northwest Allen County Schools believes in providing a healthy and safe learning environment that engages, supports, and challenges each learner in a culture of achievement and excellence. More information about NACS may be found at nacs.k12.in.us. NACS serves more than 8,000 students in 11 schools spanning three townships in Allen County, Ind.

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