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## **Mt. Zion's Roundcount named Superintendent of Distinction**

SPRINGFIELD—Dr. Travis Roundcount, superintendent of Mt. Zion CUSD #3, has been named the 2024 Superintendent of Distinction by his colleagues in the Abe Lincoln Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA).

Roundcount was honored at an awards luncheon May 16 in Springfield. State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders was the featured speaker, where 21 IASA regional Superintendents of Distinction were recognized.

“Walt Disney said, ‘All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them,’” said Dr. Roundcount, who has been an educator for 27 years and superintendent of Mt. Zion CUSD #3 for 13 years. “We continue to have people moving to Mt. Zion because families value the education our teachers provide. We are in the lowest tier in terms of funding per student in the region and the state. Despite the lack of funding, we are proud to continually provide the best educational opportunities on a balanced budget.”

Those nominating Roundcount noted a number of successes during his tenure including:

- Provided a social worker in every school.
- Increased multiple layers of security features.
- Provided additional special education teachers, support staff and services in every school.
- Increased technology for students and teachers.
- Implemented cutting edge best practices, and a standards-based curriculum.
- Expanded college credit offerings and additional elective course options for high school students.
- Remodeled cafeteria and expanded food service menu options for better food choices for students.
- Improved facilities with the construction of additional elementary and secondary classrooms.
- Remodeled schools, turf football/soccer field, a fieldhouse with an indoor track and four basketball courts and an auditorium that holds 2,000 people.
- Increased our summer school offerings and hired additional teachers for the English Learners program.

The Abe Lincoln Region is comprised of Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Sangamon, Macon, Piatt, Christian, Shelby and Moultrie counties. Superintendents of Distinction were selected by peers in their region based on their commitment, dedication and leadership.

“It is an honor to stand out among distinguished educators in your region and be selected for this honor,” said IASA Executive Director Dr. Brent Clark. “I applaud Dr. Roundcount for everything he’s done to enhance the learning environment for students and propel his district forward. His leadership has been a difference maker in the Mt. Zion community.” The 10th annual luncheon was sponsored by Stifel, the country’s leading underwriter of K-12 school bonds. “The superintendents honored today exemplify the depth of leadership and personal commitment that exceptional superintendents bring to their districts to serve students and staff to be the best they can be,” said Anne Noble, Managing Director of Stifel. “Stifel’s longtime commitment to IASA culminates in honoring these amazing superintendents and thanking them for all they do for the students of Illinois.”