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JERE VYVERBERG IS IOWA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Jere Vyverberg, superintendent of Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District, has been named the 2009-10 Iowa Superintendent of the Year by the School Administrators of Iowa.

SAI Executive Director Dan Smith expressed, "Jere Vyverberg represents the best of Iowa superintendents. He cares deeply about the students, staff and community. He has consistently turned challenges into triumphs."

"This is truly an honor, but it is not as much about me as it is about our district. I am grateful as it acknowledges the dedication of our board, staff, parents and community as we work together to meet the needs of students," Vyverberg said.

Superintendent in the district since 2004, he was previously the high school principal from 2001-04. His career began as a junior high math teacher in the Decorah Community Schools where he then served as assistant middle school principal/athletic director, high school assistant principal/athletic director and finally high school principal before coming to Waverly-Shell Rock.

Beginning with a bachelor's degree in physical education and math from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Vyverberg's background also includes a master's degree in secondary leadership from Winona (Minn.) State University and a superintendent's endorsement from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

He was nominated by his peers and selected for the award by a committee of Iowa superintendents. Vyverberg will be honored at a governor's awards ceremony in late spring and at SAI's awards banquet next August. Iowa's Superintendent of the Year will also represent the state in the National Superintendent of the Year Program, sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators.

SAI, a statewide organization founded in 1987, represents more than 2000 Iowa educational administrators. SAI's mission is to support, encourage and develop Iowa's educational leaders and learners.