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MOC-FLOYD VALLEY PRINCIPAL RECEIVES STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

Russ Adams, principal of MOC-Floyd Valley High School, has been named the 2009 Iowa Secondary Principal of the Year by School Administrators of Iowa.

“Russ Adams is an exemplary leader who has implemented a building leadership team and parent advisory team, was instrumental in the school being selected as a Project High School for comprehensive school improvement, and has developed additional ways to support students who need assistance, among many other contributions. He also serves as a mentor to principals new to the profession,” said Dan Smith, SAI executive director.

Adams commented, “We have a great staff and have been working very hard to become a professional learning community. As a staff, we are wrestling with the issues of providing additional time and support, making sure our curriculum is rigorous and relevant, and engaging all students in a meaningful way. We have always tried to tackle these issues, but we are becoming better at approaching them systemically and not trying to address them separately.”

At MOC-Floyd Valley since 2003, Adams previously served as principal at HMS High School in Hartley. He began his career as a business teacher and coach at Southern Cal High School in Lake City. His education includes a bachelor’s degree in business education from the University of Northern Iowa and a master’s degree in secondary administration from Drake University.

The award nomination came from his peers. He was selected by a committee of Iowa secondary principals and will be recognized at an awards ceremony in May. His selection makes him eligible for National High School Principal of the Year sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife.

SAI, a statewide organization founded in 1987, represents more than 2000 Iowa educational administrators. SAI’s mission is to enhance PreK-12 education through effective leadership by school administrators.