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On Friday, May 12, 2017, Dr. Travis L. Reeves, Superintendent of the Surry County School district in Surry County, North Carolina, was named the Region Five Superintendent of the Year by his peers and colleagues of the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium.

The Piedmont Triad Education Consortium is a collaboration of sixteen K-12 public school districts and seventeen higher education institutions in central North Carolina, with Dr. Lillie Cox serving as the current Executive Director. The consortium honors Dr. Reeves as one of the top eight superintendents statewide and places him in the running for the State Superintendent of the Year.

While innovative, creative, and forward-thinking are a few of the adjectives that can be used to describe Dr. Travis L. Reeves, student-centered and focused on the whole child rise to the top of the profile. Since assuming his role as Superintendent of Surry County Schools in January of 2013, Dr. Reeves has fostered a culture of high expectations for all students to grow academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. He raises the bar to challenge status quo to increase student achievement while always being fiscally responsible.

Travis L. Reeves has committed his career to building innovative cultures realizing that the demands of the 21st Century require educators to prepare students for college, career, and life. He has lead the charge to create innovative programs such as the Surry Virtual Academy, a powerful college-going culture in all of Surry County Schools, the Digital Media Academy, the first STEM magnet school in Surry County, and GROW Strong Running Clubs. He has not only lead the charge to create these innovations, he has shared his vision at the state and the national levels and regularly hosts other school districts to share innovative practices further supporting public education.

While Dr. Reeves has initiated several innovative programs, he continues to build upon the culture of strong academics in Surry County Schools. Under his leadership, the district has moved the needle in regards to overall academic achievement and graduation rate. Surry County Schools ranks 15th of 115 school systems in the state in Overall Academic Performance. The graduation rate is at an all-time high of 90.1%.

Reeves earned his undergraduate degree from Radford University, a master's degree from Gardner Webb University, and his educational specialist and doctorate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to serving as Superintendent of the Surry County Schools, he served as Superintendent of Ashe County Schools.

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