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## **O'Fallon's Hruby Named Superintendent of Distinction**

SPRINGFIELD—Dr. Carrie Hruby, superintendent of O'Fallon CCSD #90, has been named the 2025 Superintendent of Distinction by her colleagues in the Southwestern Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA).

Hruby was honored at an awards luncheon May 15 in Springfield. State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders was the featured speaker, where 21 IASA regional Superintendents of Distinction were recognized.

"I am truly honored and humbled by this recognition," said Hruby, who has been an educator for 29 years and superintendent of O'Fallon CCSD #90 for 10 years. "It is a privilege to collaborate with the talented superintendents in the Southwest region, and I sincerely appreciate their nomination. I am also incredibly grateful to work alongside the dedicated staff, families, students, and Board of Education in O'Fallon District 90, whose commitment and passion inspire me every day."

Those nominating Hruby noted a number of successes during her tenure including:

- Spearheaded the development of a comprehensive security team to enhance district-wide safety which then led to multiple phases of improvements in safety and security.
- Successfully led a bond campaign to secure funding for land acquisition, ensuring capacity for future enrollment growth.
- Directed extensive facility upgrades through a bond sale with no tax rate increase, improving existing infrastructure while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
- Strengthened the district's ISBE financial profile score to the highest status of recognition through fiscal stewardship and the development of a CSBO position.
- Designed and implemented a comprehensive, three-tier succession program to address educator vacancies—supporting aspiring teachers, principals, and superintendents in their career advancement.
- Served as a co-chair of the Illinois Performance Evaluation Advisory Council.
- Co-created and facilitated the IASA Elevate Cohort for Female Superintendents, empowering women in educational leadership.
- Authored two books on the topics of Women in Leadership and Human Resources in education.
- Served as an adjunct professor at Illinois State University, mentoring future education leaders.

The Southwestern Region is comprised of Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties. Superintendents of Distinction were selected by peers in their region based on their commitment, dedication and leadership.

"Effective school leadership requires both vision and the ability to execute," said IASA Executive Director Dr. Brent Clark. "Dr. Hruby has demonstrated both qualities consistently throughout her career in O'Fallon. Her focus on building community partnerships while enhancing educational opportunities has created lasting positive change for students."

The 11th 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."