

Cain 2022 Superintendent of the Year®

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Dr. Curtis Cain, superintendent of the Wentzville School District, was selected as the 2022 AASA National Superintendent of the Year® during the National Conference on Education hosted by AASA, The National School Superintendents Association, held in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Cain is the first Missouri superintendent to be named the AASA National Superintendent of the Year®.

Dr. Cain was a featured speaker at the NAEA's 2021 conference in St. Louis. At the October event, he spoke about the importance of alternative education and of the need for educators everywhere to continue their admirable efforts to reach all students. Dr. Cain has led the Wentzville school district, the fastest growing district in the state, through its exponential surge in population in recent years and through all of the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic has brought.

Dr. Cain has served as superintendent of the Wentzville, MO school district since 2013 and is responsible for the educational performance and well-being of more than 17,300 students and 2,600 staff members. Dr. Cain serves on the Missouri Commissioner of Education Advisory Council, the Kansas/Missouri Superintendent Leadership Forum Advisory Board, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Constitutional Committee, and is the current president of the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA). In 2018, Dr. Cain completed the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Superintendent Certification Program.