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**Dr. David A. Cox
Named 2016 Maryland Superintendent of the Year**

The Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland (PSSAM) named Allegany County Public Schools' Superintendent, Dr. David A. Cox, *2016 Maryland Superintendent of the Year* on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at the annual Maryland Negotiating Service Awards Banquet held in Ocean City. Dr. Cox will now go on to represent Maryland in the 2016 National Superintendent of the Year program, which is coordinated by the American Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Theresa R. Alban, President of PSSAM stated, "Dr. Cox consistently demonstrates his devotion to public education and the children we serve. It has been a privilege to work with him as a colleague, and I am delighted he will represent the superintendents of Maryland this year. His leadership is valued by the members of PSSAM, as is his genuine warmth and caring for Maryland. We are all very proud of David."

"I am honored and humbled by this recognition," said Cox. "It is my privilege to work alongside very talented, smart, caring and dedicated public educators each day in Allegany County, and with my wonderful superintendent colleagues from the other 23 school districts in Maryland." He went on to say, "I am especially honored to represent, for this year, Maryland's superintendents, who work so tirelessly with their staffs to keep Maryland Public Schools among the very best in our Nation, year after year."

Dr. Cox is currently serving in his seventh year as Superintendent of Allegany County Public Schools. He was appointed to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2009, and was reappointed to a second four-year term beginning July 1, 2013. A committee of his peers made the selection of the Superintendent of the Year. Cox is the first Allegany County superintendent to receive this award.

The members of the elected Board of Education of Allegany County as well as former Allegany County Public Schools Chief Academic Officer and current superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools, Dr. Janet Wilson, nominated Cox for the award.

He credits his parents for teaching him the values of strong work ethic, faith and perseverance. He states, "I am proud to say that I am a first generation college graduate who knows firsthand the power of public education to raise our children up to opportunities not yet imagined." He went on to say, "I am also especially grateful for the public school teachers I had as a student in rural Hawkins County, TN, who saw potential in me that I could not yet see, and who gave me the encouragement and support to dream and achieve beyond my imagination."

Dr. Cox has received several awards and recognitions and is a member of numerous professional and community organizations. He and his wife, Penny, currently reside in LaVale, MD, and they have two adult children, Andrew and Mary.

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