

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize, commend, and congratulate Harry Hurst Middle School principal David Schexnaydre as the 2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, David Schexnaydre is a 2001 graduate of Destrehan High School in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, where he was a varsity letterman in football, basketball, and track; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre is an award-winning teacher, administrator, and educational researcher, born and raised in Louisiana who obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University in 2005 and earned a Master's of Education in educational leadership in 2010 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational administration in 2016, both from the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre began his teaching career in 2005 at R.K. Smith Middle School where he taught reading, writing, and social studies, while also coaching football, basketball, baseball, and track; and

WHEREAS, he was named the R.K. Smith Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2009 and the Louisiana Middle School Association Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed as assistant principal of J.B. Martin Middle School in 2012 where he served for four years; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed assistant principal at Destrehan High School where he served for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed principal at Harry Hurst Middle School in 2018 where he has worked tirelessly to build collaborative relationships with all stakeholders and drive positive change with curriculum, instruction, growth mindset, and mindfulness; and

WHEREAS, his vision and leadership have transformed the school according to metrics in student achievement, student wellness, employee engagement, and community

involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was named the St. Charles Parish Public School Principal of the Year in 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre is in his eighteenth year serving in education, all of which have been in St. Charles Parish public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education annually recognizes and celebrates some of the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs in partnerships with Dream Teachers and the Louisiana Association of Principals; and

WHEREAS, school systems from across the state submit nominations to the state-level for Teacher and Principal of the Year to acknowledge teachers and leaders who are making exceptional gains with students; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education named David Schexnaydre 2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, outside of his accomplishments as principal, his doctoral dissertation won the Louisiana Educational Research Association's 2016 Outstanding Graduate Paper, and he was selected by the American Educational Research Association to present his research at its annual conference; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, he was chosen by America Achieves and the Louisiana Department of Education for the Louisiana Educator Voice Fellowship, and in 2019, Southeastern Louisiana University hired him as an adjunct professor in their Master of Education Program, teaching the School-Community Relations course to aspiring leaders; and

WHEREAS, David Schexnaydre is a lifelong learner, advocate and champion for Louisiana's educators and students, and an inspiration for everyone who is committed to children and Louisiana public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate David Schexnaydre and does commend him for a distinguished career in education and his incredible dedication to the St. Charles Parish Public School System and the state of Louisiana educational system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does recognize and record for posterity David Schexnaydre's achievements and offers congratulations on being named the 2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Principal David Schexnaydre at the Harry Hurst Middle School in Destrehan, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES