



Dawson Springs Independent Schools

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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Earlier this evening, our Dawson Springs Board of Education conducted Superintendent Whalen's annual evaluation. The Board conducts the evaluation and uses selected indicators from even numbered standards on even numbered years and odd numbered standards on the odd numbered years.

Based on discussions and evidences related to Superintendent Whalen's performance, the Board rated Superintendent Whalen on the following:

Standard 2, Instructional Leadership – Exemplary
Standard 4, Human Resource Leadership – Exemplary
Standard 6, Collaborative Leadership – Exemplary

Overall Evaluation rating for 2025/2026 – Exemplary

At this time, all our schools continue to show various levels of growth. The majority of areas shows solid achievement and these types of results are only obtainable through tremendous leadership, teamwork and collaboration at all levels.

Moving forward, we will have some new folks on our team and we believe we are positioned to have many more productive and successful years ahead. As we look forward to our 2026/2027 school year.

Wes Ausenbaugh
Board Chair, Dawson Springs Ind. Schools

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Superintendent, Dawson Springs Ind. Schools