



## **DR. SCOTT J. HELTON EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The DuPage Division of the Illinois Association of School Administrators lost a great leader, colleague, and friend in Dr. Helton, Superintendent of DuPage High School District 88, during the course of the 2020-2021 school year. It is our hope that this tribute will do more than just preserve the memory of a great man, but will also honor those leaders who best exemplify the characteristics Dr. Helton embodied that made him an exemplar of educational leadership.

### **About the Award:**

The Dr. Scott J. Helton Excellence in Educational Leadership Award can be presented by the DuPage Division of the Illinois Association of School Administrators to a worthy school leader working in DuPage County. This award is not necessarily to be given annually; rather, it allows for superintendents to nominate a colleague or a leader within their own school district that can best represent the characteristics listed below. No more than one winner per year will be determined by the selection committee unless there are unique circumstances as determined by the committee. The winner will be recognized at a meeting of the membership of the DuPage division in the spring and will receive an individual plaque and have a nameplate placed on a master plaque. The master plaque of the winners of this award will hang within DuPage School District 88 at the discretion of their superintendent, as this was where Dr. Helton demonstrated leadership excellence.

### **Characteristics of the Candidate:**

Candidates for consideration of recognition for the Dr. Scott J. Helton Excellence in Educational Leadership Award must be able to demonstrate each of the following characteristics:

- **Humility:** the candidate must defer their own importance within their organization to the impact others have made in generating success under their leadership.
- **Gratitude:** the candidate shows kindness to others and appreciates those people around them. Practices thankfulness.

- **Allyship:** the candidate actively promotes trust, consistency, and accountability to ensure ongoing support of those who are marginalized or oppressed.
- **Positivity:** the candidate emphasizes the potential for good outcomes in every problem or challenge faced. Their interactions with others focus on strengths, mutual benefits, and camaraderie.
- **Advocacy:** the candidate actively supports causes or goals that benefit those they serve, no matter how difficult they appear to achieve.
- **Mentor:** the candidate freely offers help or advice to others in order to assist them in their leadership experience. They can be relied upon and are dependable in their service to others.
- **Relationship Builder:** the candidate brings people together, treats others like family, and actively maintains this trait to better serve others out of genuine care and affection.

Please note that the nominator of any candidate must be able to document examples of each characteristic in order to submit the individual for consideration of this recognition.

### **Deadline for Submission:**

The deadline for submitting a narrative addressing the candidate's eligibility for this recognition to the selection committee is the first Monday in February of the current school year. This will allow for recognition of a recipient to be part of the March or April division meeting.