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The Utah School Superintendents Association (USSA) is pleased to announce the 2014 Utah School Superintendent of the Year. Terry E. Shoemaker, Superintendent of Wasatch County School District, will be named the recipient of the award at a brief ceremony at the opening of the USSA meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Utah School Boards Association Building at 860 E. 9085 South in Sandy, Utah (east of 700 East on 90th South). Press members are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Supt. Shoemaker has been a public educator since 1979, serving students in three school districts in Utah; Jordan, Provo, and Wasatch County. He has been a classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, principal, personnel director, and was appointed by the Wasatch County Board of Education to be the Superintendent of Wasatch County School District in 2001.

Wasatch District has most recently adopted a 1:1 technology device initiative with all students in grades 5-8 receiving a laptop computer for use in school and for homework. The "Digital Conversion" initiative will include students in all grades by 2016. "As important as the access to computers is, the excellent digital curriculum and the job embedded professional development in digital friendly classrooms are critical to the success of Wasatch educators and students," Dr. Patti Harrington, Executive Director of the USSA, said of her colleague's work. "This initiative is typical of the innovation that Terry has always advanced in his career," she noted.

Superintendent Shoemaker received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and Administrative Endorsement from Brigham Young University. He is a member of the Governing Board for the BYU/Public School Partnership that includes BYU, Wasatch, Jordan, Nebo, Provo, and Alpine School Districts.

Governor Huntsman also appointed him to serve on the Board of Trustees for Utah Valley University, where he serves as the K-16 Alliance Chair, an alliance with UVU and seven school districts from Utah, Wasatch, and Summit Counties.

He serves as a member of the Board for the Wasatch Community Foundation and is on the Joint Legislative Committee representing superintendents and school board members from across the state. He is a member of the Board of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services, which governs a service center that helps nine northeastern Utah school districts.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of four children, and grandparents to six granddaughters and four grandsons.

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