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SPRINGDALE, AR – Mr. Thomas Doppe, Assistant Principal of Don Tyson School of Innovation in the Springdale School District, was recently named the Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year. Dr. Mike Hernandez, AAEA Executive Director, presented Mr. Doppe with the award at his school on December 11, 2023.

This award is given each year to an Arkansas secondary level assistant principal who has succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students and has been recognized as exhibiting exceptional leadership skills in the school community.

Mr. Doppe has served as an assistant principal for 13 years, with the last 5 years spent at Don Tyson School of Innovation. During his time at Don Tyson School of Innovation, Mr. Doppe has worked to cultivate a safe and positive learning environment and has lead the way in implementing a Competency Based Education model that focuses on student voice, choice, and personalized learning. Mr. Doppe is dedicated to the education of Arkansas students and very deserving of this award as evidenced in the following comments:

"The mission of our school is to ensure every student graduates with a diploma plus. Mr. Doppe ensures that students have opportunities through various pathways to earn college credit up to an associate degree, industry credentials, AP courses, and career certifications. Tom works closely with the counselors in the building to build SEL lessons through our College and Career Readiness courses that all students are enrolled in while on our campus. Through our competency-based model Mr. Doppe has created a learning model that allows the students to progress through the material as they learn and not hold back those that are excelling."
Amy Harrison, Principal, Don Tyson School of Innovation

"Our teachers have and demand high expectations. I truly feel that this is a reflection of the leadership, professionalism and expertise of Mr. Doppe. I have been inspired by Mr. Doppe's commitment to the learning in our school and the level of expertise he possesses as a result of his research. As a teacher, I am confident in the guidance of Mr. Doppe's research-based advice."
Sara Kennard, Teacher, Don Tyson School of Innovation

"There is ALWAYS something going on at Don Tyson School of Innovation that recognizes the beautiful diversity of our community and the school. I have had the pleasure of attending multiple heritage festivals and talent shows where the students are able to highlight their individual cultures and learn about others. At these events you can always find Mr. Doppe deep in conversation with students about the meaning behind a display or the history of the food he is sampling. The same can be said for a normal school day. His interest in meeting students where they are is evident to the kids and parents."
Megan Thornton, Parent