

Broken Arrow

PRESS RELEASES

BA Superintendent named chairman of Tulsa Co. Superintendents' Association

Broken Arrow Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gary W. Gerber has been elected Chair of the Tulsa County Association of School Administrators (TCASA) for the 2009-2010 school year.

The organization is historically significant as it has been in existence for several decades. TCASA is intended to include the Superintendents of Schools of all school districts in Tulsa County and those districts in the metropolitan area immediately adjacent to Tulsa County (such as Sapulpa or Bartlesville or Claremore etc.).

Also invited to participate are representatives of area Colleges and Universities, especially those that have graduate schools offering School Administration preparation programs. Those that regularly participate include Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, Oral Roberts University, and Northeastern State University. Also frequently represented are Tulsa Community College and the Tulsa Technology Center school districts.

The group meets monthly with an agenda designed to keep the area administrators advised of a variety of current issues, legislation, trends, legal matters, new innovations in education, issues related to school calendars, etc. The meeting locations rotate to different host school districts or university locations.

Former BA Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clarence Oliver, Jr. served as chairman of this group many times during his career.

“I was present when the members of TCASA elected Gary to serve as Chairman for the 2009-2010 school year,” Dr. Oliver said. “And I was very pleased with that expression of the recognition by other superintendents of his (Dr. Gerber’s) leadership ability, his commitment to be a part of the organization, and his willingness to serve in that capacity (as chairman).”

Other area superintendents echoed Dr. Oliver’s comments about Dr. Gerber’s selection as chairman of this group.

“Dr. Gerber is highly respected by his administrative peers, and we at TCASA felt that he as the new Superintendent for Broken Arrow Schools was a natural fit for the Chairman’s position for the 2009-2010 school year,” Owasso Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clark Ogilvie said.

Sand Springs Superintendent of Schools, Lloyd Snow said the chairman’s position is especially

crucial to the organization because of his responsibility in arranging host sites, preparing the agenda for meetings, keeping in contact with members, and providing updates on current issues that need attention from members between meetings.

“Being involved in TCASA enables talented education leaders to share their vision, challenges, and solutions for students in the Tulsa metro region,” Snow said. “I look forward to following the lead from our 2009-2010 Chairman, Dr. Gary Gerber. He is a highly respected school administrator, who has been a champion for children for many years.”

Dr. Oliver said Dr. Gerber will serve as chairman over a group that is in Dr. Oliver’s opinion, very unique.

“There are not many such local (county or metro area) groups in Oklahoma, and none that I know of that rises to the level of professionalism of TCASA. It indicates the high level of cooperation and respect among the Tulsa metro area school district leaders.

“I think it is a nice honor that area administrators have asked Dr. Gerber to step into this leadership role, especially during his first year as Broken Arrow’s Superintendent of Schools.”

Dr. Gerber follows former Broken Arrow Public Schools administrator and current Bixby Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Wood into the chairman’s position. Dr. Wood served as chair during the 2008-2009 school year.