



Outstanding Rural Administrator - 2018

John Siebeneck

Ballard R-II School District

John Siebeneck serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the Ballard R-II School District located in Butler, Missouri. He has been with the Ballard R-II School District since 1990.

Tina Oerke, former Principal and Board member shares, "Mr. Siebeneck worked diligently to make sure that the district was in the best financial position possible. He strived to meet deadlines and maintain open communication with all Board members. He worked tirelessly to improve district facilities as well as to extend opportunities for the students of the district. John has touched many lives and the students of the Ballard R-II School District are truly better for having the opportunity to know him."

Raelynn Kershner, former Math teacher at Ballard R-II had this to say, "It is difficult to encompass the breadth of influence that John Siebeneck has had on our school and community. His influence is best expressed by the lives of productive citizens, graduates of Ballard R-II over the past 29 years. John joined the Ballard school family in 1990 and quickly became a part of the community. As social studies teacher and an exceptionally talented coach, he worked to instill the values of hard work, excellence and balance in the lives of his student-athletes. In his role as K-12 Principal, he led the district to recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School. Now as Superintendent, Mr. Siebeneck continues to lead by example and to serve the students, teachers and community selflessly."

Kerri Loyd, Ballard R-II District Bookkeeper, shares, "During his time at Ballard, John has served as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. Since becoming Superintendent, he has intentionally demonstrated his commitment to remain an active part of the day to day life of students. On an given day, you may see him helping a child with homework, participating in a class presentation, being the ice cream in a human sundae or just listening if a student needs a sounding board. He helps with serving lunch, cleans up messes, shovels snow. He works hard to show staff how much they are appreciated."

Jim Kershner, former English teacher, notes, "John Siebeneck is a fine man. His integrity is beyond question. He lives by a standard of conduct that he will not violate. He conducts himself with courtesy and consideration to all people. The excellence of the Ballard R-II School District is due in large part to his leadership and personal commitment to our school and community for the past 29 years."

Carrie Scott shares, "Mr. Siebeneck has played a huge role in developing who I am today, not only as an educator, but also as an individual. I can only hope to serve this community as long and as faithfully as he has. I assure you that there is no better candidate for this award."

It is our privilege to recognize Mr. John Siebeneck as the 2018 "Outstanding Rural Administrator."