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Dysart superintendent named Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year

DYSART SCHOOLS — Dysart School District Superintendent, Dr. Gail Pletnick, has received the 2009 Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year award. The Copper Sun Educator of the Year award was given to Dr. Pletnick on Saturday, January 30. The Dysart superintendent was recognized for the district's continued increase in student achievement as well as the many community partnerships that she has worked to build on behalf of the Dysart District. The Chamber noted that Dr. Pletnick has forged partnerships with community organizations, businesses and parents that ultimately support the students and families in Dysart.

Under Dr. Pletnick's leadership, the Dysart District received the NCA Model School District Award in 2009 due to substantial increases in student achievement and dedication to teacher development, quality instructional practices and increased achievement. The professional development model of site-based embedded teacher training and support has been recognized by the National Staff Development Council as an example of best practice and innovation.

Upon receiving the award, Pletnick said, "This award is accepted on behalf of all employees and students in the Dysart District. It is their hard work and dedication that continues to push Dysart forward on the road to success."

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