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Martin County School District

Superintendent Dr. Sara Wilcox Announces She Will Not Seek Re-election

Today, Dr. Sara A. Wilcox announced she will not be seeking another term as Superintendent of the Martin County School District. Dr. Wilcox has served as Superintendent since November 1994. "I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as Superintendent in Martin County for the past 14 years. Our students are so incredible! We have the best educators and staff of anyplace in the state and our community totally supports our educational efforts. Together we have accomplished so much. The decision not to run for re-election was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make. However, my family commitments have to take priority in my life right now," said Dr. Wilcox.

During her tenure, the Martin County School District has consistently been ranked among the highest performing school districts in the state and is one of just two school districts in 2006-2007 to have had all schools earn an "A" grade from the Florida Department of Education. The District also received a perfect audit from the Florida Auditor General's Office for its finances and operations for the 2007 fiscal year. In addition, the District has been ranked as having the highest graduation rate and lowest drop-out rate in the state. "As Superintendent, I've focused our efforts on continuous improvement. While we have made great strides, there is always more that can be done. Although I will not be seeking another term as Superintendent, I know our District will remain at the top of the state. Our District is fortunate to have so many dedicated employees at every level—from our schools to our district departments to our School Board. We also have a clear vision for the future of our schools and what needs to be done to continue the level of excellence our community has come to expect," said Dr. Wilcox. "I am grateful for my years here in Martin County and for all of the support I have received over the years. As an educator, I have always wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of students. I will truly miss not being involved in the day-to-day operations of our schools. However, I know I leave them in good hands."