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Avonworth Superintendent Named the 2020 PMEA Outstanding Superintendent

March 4, 2020, Pittsburgh, PA. Avonworth Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Ralston, has been selected to receive the 2020 Outstanding Superintendent Award given by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA). PMEA gives this award to chief school administrators who recognize the importance of music and the arts in the school curriculum. Dr. Ralston will receive this award during the 2020 PMEA Annual In-service Conference at the General Session on April 24, 2020. The conference will take place at the Kalahari Convention Center in the Poconos.

Dr. Ralston was nominated for this honor by the Avonworth School District music staff. Under Dr. Ralston's leadership as the Superintendent of Schools, the Avonworth music program has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and is thriving more than ever. In 2018 and 2019, the Avonworth School District was recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants. Avonworth band director, Mr. Will Guess, stated, "We are lucky to work with such great leadership." Dr. Ralston noted, "I am proud to accept this award on behalf of our amazing young performers, our fantastic music educators, and our incredibly supportive parent groups. They are really the ones that deserve all the credit. They have worked so hard to turn our program into one of the best in the region and state."

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