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## On The Agenda

### Monthly Luncheon SEPTEMBER 12TH LUNCHEON

HIRING AND KEEPING GOOD  
EMPLOYEES

PRESENTER: KATHERINE  
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MISSOURI JOB CENTER

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL  
LUNCH \$12

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## In The Future

OCTOBER 10TH LUNCHEON  
EFFECTS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
ON THE WORKPLACE

SPEAKER: ROB EAGLEBURGER  
MISSOURI ON-SITE TESTING

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL  
LUNCH \$12

## School Begins with the Power of 1

Speaking at our August luncheon, Superintendent John Jungmann delivered the annual State of the Schools address to a capacity crowd.

To help showcase the overarching theme “The Power of 1”, Jungmann featured the district’s annual #BackToSPS video that featured staff, school board members and others celebrating the “superheroes” who work in schools every day. Jungmann said, “This school year, we are highlighting the superpowers of our nearly 4,000 team members.”

Jungmann emphasized how each team member plays a role in how students learn, grow and go on to be successful in the workforce and leaders in our community; they become the heroes for our next generation.

The annual address this year included highlights about mental health, college and career readiness, early childhood, the April bond issue, and equity and diversity.

Over the past year, SPS, Burrell Behavioral Health and Community Partnership of the Ozarks

have all partnered to impact students’ mental health. Burrell provides access to therapists and caseworkers and CPO introduced teen Mental Health First Aide to students at Kickapoo High School.

Jungmann talked about how the district is striving to help students succeed in both post-secondary programs and the workplace. For instance, he talked about the new academy approach at Glendale and Hillcrest high schools where students will participate in coursework and activities to prepare them for college and careers. In April of 2019, Springfield voted a bond issue to fund 39 projects over half of the district’s schools. Jungmann highlighted the initial phases of this effort; including the projects that will secure school entrances that are underway.

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Dr. John Jungmann, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, speaking at our monthly luncheon, encouraged the audience to actively engage in helping identify people from the community at large, who they think are heroes in the lives of students, and write that name on post-it notes provided to participants.

Another school year is underway, and with it comes the continued efforts of NSBA to foster school attendance. This is our 23rd year, and many things need to transpire between now and the Attendance Party in May 2020. Contact Andrea Graddy for more information about how you can help - (417)889-4800 or andrea@advantagetherapyonline.com

Also, contact NSBA Board Member Rick Fay to join the “100 Club” and contribute \$100 or a new bicycle or scooter for a deserving young student.

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Springfield Public Schools is emphasizing "The Power of 1" in their efforts to show how individuals are the superheroes of success in the lives of all 25,000 students in the district.

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Delaware Elementary has been demolished and a completely new school is being constructed, and ground-breaking will happen soon on a new Early Childhood Center.

He told the audience the current projects are ahead of schedule and under-budget and he thanked the community for their support and noted the projects will continue for three years.

Starting with the 2019-20 school year, the School Board is making equity & diversity a priority, with four areas of focus: graduation rate, attendance rate, academic achievement and internal hiring. A Chief Equity & Diversity Officer has been hired who will report directly to Jungmann as part of this initiative.

The Springfield/Greene County Library was presented the Commercial Betterment award in August for the installment of their Library Express Kiosk on west Kearney. Kathleen O'Dell, Community Relations Director for the Library, along with Bill and Joyce Kastler (members of the Friends of the Library) are seen receiving the award from NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap.



## Who We Are



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### Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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## Letter from the NSBA President



Here we are at the start of another school year and our primary role for NSBA from day one is school retention. For 23 years now, we've spearheaded an attendance effort at 13 north Springfield elementary schools, which culminates in a celebration for all students with 99% or better attendance (only 2 missed days) during the school year. We're making a difference, not only in attendance, but the long-term graduation rate of SPS students from high school. Let's keep up the

good work!

Also, I want to remind everyone that we will not be having an annual Holiday Party, but we will be celebrating the holidays, complete with Santa's Sweet Shoppe, at our December luncheon.

As always, thank you to everyone for what you do to make north Springfield a great place to live, work and raise a family!

*Jacquie Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President*



## Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

*Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.*

-attendanceworks.org

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**Contact any board member for more information.**

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**Where do your strengths lie? Share them with us and join a NSBA Committee today!**

*Here are the various committees you can be involved with: Attendance Party, Betterment, Fundraising, Glenstone Islands, Membership, Program and Public Communication.*

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noun

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"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
- "a betterment charge"

