

2008 Kansas Superintendent of the Year

James E. Lentz



James E. Lentz, Superintendent of the Augusta School District since 2005, has been named the 2008 Superintendent of the Year. Lentz is the twentieth recipient of this honor bestowed on a Kansas school leader.

Lentz's story is one of lifelong dedication to education and students in Kansas. His education career began at Fort Scott High School in 1969. In addition to his leadership in Augusta, Lentz is actively engaged in professional activities and has demonstrated strong leadership at the state and national levels.

Lentz currently chairs the USA|Kansas School Finance Task Force and serves on the Council of Superintendents, the Kauffman Foundation's KS-MO Superintendent's Forum and is a director on the United Fund of Augusta and United Way of the Plains Boards of Directors. In 2006, Superintendent Lentz was named Communicator of the Year by the National School Public Relations Association.

We are pleased to have *The Augusta High School Jazz Ensemble* here to join us in honoring Superintendent Lentz. *The Ensemble* includes the following Augusta students: Saxophones; Aaron Doudna, Allison Berner, Sarah Davis, Ryan Vogel and Izaiah Jennings. Trumpets; Zak Windsor, Brad Lakey, Jarod Regier and Chris Weide. Trombones; Quentin Cox, Michael Moore, Matt McMurtry and Brendan McKee. Rhythm; Corey Edwards (piano), Allison Berner (piano), Johnny Bassett (bass), Brendan McKee (guitar), Benny Christians (drums), David Dunsmoor (vibes and drums), Stephen Henry (percussion) and Cole Richardson (percussion).

The Ensemble is performing the following selections: "Riverscape" by Fred Sturm; "St. James Infirmary" by Louis Armstrong; "Send In The Clowns" by Steven Sondheim, arr. by Dave Barduhn, and "Trofeo De Bolos" by Craig Skeffington.

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