Wilson County Schools’ Superintendent
Named 2006 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year

(Raleigh, N.C.) – Dr. Larry E. Price, Superintendent of Wilson County Schools, was named 2006 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year at an awards banquet last night at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. The award was given jointly by the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) and the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA).

ARAMARK Corporation sponsored the awards banquet as well as recognition plaques for all nominees and the winner. “We are proud to be a part of the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year award,” said Mark Turner with ARAMARK. “Our company has a continued commitment to education, and the opportunity to support these outstanding educators is truly an honor for us.”

Dr. Price has been superintendent of Wilson County Schools since 1998. Prior to his superintendency, he was an Assistant Superintendent for Wilson County Schools, a Principal for Clinton City Schools and an Assistant Principal for Edgecombe County Schools. Dr. Price is highly regarded in the state. “Larry Price is a superintendent who works tirelessly for the improvement of the educational opportunities for the children of Wilson County,” wrote Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue in her nomination letter. “Larry Price is the kind of school superintendent that every school district needs, and I strongly recommend him for your 2006 National Superintendent of the Year.”

Dr. Price has demonstrated this tireless leadership by raising student proficiency in grades 3-8 from 62 percent to 90 percent over the past few years. Also, during an eight year, two stage $75 million plan for construction and renovation that ended in 2004 the district built four new middle schools and two new elementary schools, expanded five other elementary schools, converted a middle school to a K-5 school and renovated the district’s oldest high school. With investments from the county commissioners, Dr. Price helped to close the technology gap and brought Wilson County Schools to the point of being recognized by The National School Boards Association and the Ohana Foundation as one of the nation’s four most technologically advance school districts in the instructional arena.

“Through 12 years as a senior administrator and eight years as superintendent in Wilson County Schools, I have discovered that sustained leadership makes a difference in the degree of improvement in a school district,” Price said. “It is important for the superintendent to provide...
the vision and leadership for the district and to help the school community and the community at large stay focused on the goal of fully educating all students.”

Dr. Ed Dunlap, Jr., Executive Director of NCSBA, said, “Larry is an outstanding superintendent with a successful tenure in Wilson County.”

Dr. Jim Causby, Executive Director of NCASA, said this. “Larry Price is one of the many hard-working and dedicated superintendents we have in North Carolina, and we are proud to have him represent this state as he goes on to compete for the National award,” Causby said.

The 2006 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year will compete for the National Superintendent of the Year award, which will be given at the American Association of School Administrators’ National Conference on Education February 23 – 26 in San Diego, California.

Last year, Dr. Jim Merrill of Alamance-Burlington Schools was named by NCASA and NCSBA as the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Merrill was the featured speaker at last night’s awards banquet, where each of the 8 nominees were honored.

Along with Dr. Price, the 2006 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year nominees included:

- Dr. Bruce W. Boyles, Mooresville Graded School District
- Dr. Daniel A. Cockman, Thomasville City Schools
- Dr. William C. Harrison, Cumberland County Schools
- Mr. Jack Hoke, Alexander County Schools
- Dr. Richard E. Moore, Cleveland County Schools
- Dr. Donald J. Morris, Jr., New Hanover County Schools
- Mr. Coley Michael Warren, Currituck County Schools

NCASA is a non-profit membership organization serving 6,500 school administrators from across North Carolina, including superintendents from each of the 115 public school systems in the state.

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