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Superintendent Tom Forcella Named Regional Superintendent of the Year *One of eight regional finalists for state honor*

Chapel Hill, NC – Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Tom Forcella was presented with a pleasant surprise at last night's Board meeting.

Dr. Neil Pedersen, Executive Director of the Central Carolina Regional Educational Service Alliance (RESA) and former superintendent of the same school district, showed up at the meeting and signed up to speak as part of the citizen comment portion of the agenda.



Upon approaching the podium, Dr. Pedersen used the opportunity to announce that Dr. Forcella had been selected as the Central Carolina Regional Superintendent of the Year. He is now one of eight finalists for the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year, which will be announced in November. The state Superintendent of the Year then becomes eligible for the National Superintendent of the Year honor, which is announced by the American Association of School Administrators at its annual conference in February.

“We were extremely pleased to learn of Dr. Forcella’s selection as Regional Superintendent of the Year,” said Mike Kelley, Chair of the Board of Education. “His dedication to student success, innovative approach to leadership and determined focus on quality instruction make him an excellent candidate as he moves through the process.”