

Superintendent Brooks chosen as finalist for learning awards

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Wichita school superintendent Winston Brooks is one of 43 finalists for the national Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards.

The awards, sponsored by Cox Communications and Cable in the Classroom, honor administrators, educators, community leaders and policymakers who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in education.

The applicants compete in five categories: general excellence, media literacy education, policymaker excellence, cable partnerships for learning, pushing the envelope.

Fifteen winners will be

announced in June.

Each will receive a \$3,000-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony at the Library of Congress.

Brooks was chosen because of his body of work over 10 years as superintendent, including narrowing the achievement gap between races, increasing community support and increasing math and reading scores, according to a news release.

"This and all the other employee recognitions this year are simply an acknowledgment of the



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student achievement gains and the narrowing of the gap progress that our district has made in recent years," Brooks said. "The focus on student success in this District is equal to or better than any other urban District in the country. We have great kids and a great staff."

The news comes after Brooks was chosen to be part of the executive committee for the Council of the Great City Schools. The national organization represents 66 of the nation's largest urban school districts, including Houston, Atlanta, Kansas City and New York.

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