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National Council Awards SD Superintendent Highest Honor

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Marje Kaiser, superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for nearly 23 years, has received the highest honor awarded by the Council of Schools for the Blind.

Kaiser received the William H. English Award at the council's annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., this week. The award recognizes "outstanding leadership and service to students, the Council of Schools for the Blind, and the field."

The School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is located in Aberdeen, S.D., and governed by the South Dakota Board of Regents. "Dr. Marje Kaiser is highly regarded by her peers," said Regents President Terry Baloun. "This national award is a most fitting recognition of her expertise and dedicated service to the field."

Kaiser earned her specialist and doctoral degrees in educational administration from The University of South Dakota. She also holds degrees from Northern State University and St. Cloud State University. She has been superintendent at the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired since December 1986, and was a staff member and coordinator in the school's Deaf-Blind Program from 1975-1985.

Kaiser was nominated for the award by Dr. Michael Bina, president of the Maryland School for the Blind and a Northern State University alumnus. The award was presented by Burt Boyer, who served as superintendent at the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired from 1979 to 1986.

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Photo Outline:

(Louisville, Ky.) – Marje Kaiser, superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, receives the William H. English Award from the Council of Schools for the Blind at the group's national meeting. From left, Dr. Michael Bina, president of the Maryland School for the Blind, congratulates Dr. Kaiser as the award is presented by Burt Boyer, former superintendent of the South Dakota school.

