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## De Soto superintendent takes helm in Louisburg

### Rockville Elementary draws national praise



#### News

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Rockville Elementary School is atop the list of the best designed new schools in the country, district officials learned earlier this month.

Louisburg's \$14.8 million elementary school project that voters approved in 2006 was recognized by the National School Boards Association as a notable school and put on display at the organization's annual national conference in San Diego.

"We believe (the school) reflects what can happen when there is a true collaborative partnership focused on a common vision," said Keegan Jackson, a partner with Hollis & Miller architects, the firm the district hired to design Rockville. "We were very excited to hear that it was selected to be exhibited at a national level."

Jackson said Rockville was one of three schools Hollis & Miller submitted to the NSBA, based on preset criteria, including educational program features, unusual site considerations, technical information and the technology system.

"We felt it met the criteria pretty well in terms of some things they were asking for," Jackson said. Among the criteria Jackson said made Rockville an ideal candidate for submission was the concept the district developed for making the school a two-part site, with the intention of adding a second part to the school when the district grows.

"For us, it was really looking at what makes it unique, and it is really two schools in one — a 500-student school being built now and 500-student school being built later," Jackson said.

Other features that made Rockville stand out were the building's flexibility to be used for a variety of different functions and the pod concept, where students in the same grade form a wing of the school with a common area in the middle.

Rockville ended up being one of 76 schools displayed in the "Exhibition of School Architecture" at the NSBA's national conference.

"We're pretty excited that they looked at it and considered it," Jackson said.

Louisburg Superintendent Rick Doll isn't surprised Rockville fared so well on a national level, he said, considering the positive feedback the district has received about the building.

"We knew it was a great design, knew that it was designed for kids, and now architecturally, people think so as well," Doll said.

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