

Humphreys County Schools Receives Award

The Humphreys County Schools received an award on Sunday evening for excellence in the administration of unemployment compensation. The award was presented by Utrust, a statewide organization which administers unemployment compensation for school boards.

Humphreys County had the lowest cost for unemployment compensation claims per employee of any school board in the state with more than 500 employees. "We congratulate Humphreys County for the excellent job they have done in keeping unemployment compensation claims to a minimum," said Utrust administrator Dr. Dan Tollett. "This is a significant accomplishment and one that the taxpayers of Humphreys County should be extremely proud of," he continued. "Some school systems with more that 500 employees spent nearly \$100,000 more than Humphreys County for Unemployment claims last year."

The award named after longtime Sullivan County School Board Member Charles Bridwell, was accepted by Superintendent Jimmy Long at a meeting in Nashville on Sunday evening. This was the first year the award was presented by Utrust.

Superintendent Long said their success is simple because "We only hire employees that we plan to keep. "We're grateful for the employee retention rates we've been able to sustain and look forward to all that means for the students and employees of Humphreys County Schools."

Utrust is a statewide organization that promotes excellence in employee management. The trust also sponsors the statewide Utrust Employee Appreciation Program. It shares its success with its member school boards. Utrust has paid \$1.2 million more in unemployment claims than its members have paid in premiums during the last three years.



Superintendent, Jimmy Long receiving Charles Bridwell Award from Dr. Dan Tollett, Utrust Administrator