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## REPRESENTATIVE FORGETY & SENATOR TRACY RECEIVE AWARD FROM TOSS

The 2016 TOSS Legislative Award Goes to Representative Forgety & Senator Jim Tracy

*NASHVILLE –The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents released the following statement announcing the recipients of the TOSS Legislative Award:*

The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) is pleased to announce that this year's recipients of the TOSS Legislative Award are Representative John Forgety and Senator Jim Tracy. Both of these individuals were supportive of TOSS throughout this past legislative session. By working with us to create and sponsor two bills, they demonstrated their desire to see public education improve and prosper across the state. One bill assured that all athletic referees undergo the same background checks as other school personnel. The other enabled our organization to expand professional development opportunities to principals and other school and district leaders.

We have always found Chairman Forgety to be willing and eager to lend his wisdom and leadership to our membership when facing new challenges, especially throughout the legislative session. His statesmanship comes from a long history of service for all the Tennesseans. Chairman Forgety's unparalleled commitment to public education makes him an ideal recipient of this award. In the recent legislative session, Chairman Tracy also demonstrated a willingness to lend his aid as we worked together to improve public education within our state. As a former teacher, Chairman Tracy has always been a great supporter of education and student achievement. During his time in the General Assembly he has been actively investing opportunities to improve public education in Tennessee, which is why he was selected to receive this award.

The TOSS Legislative Award is given for educational leadership in the support of public school students in Tennessee. Recipients are nominated by the TOSS Officers and Board of Directors at their summer board retreat.

*The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) is the leading advocate organization for public education in the state of Tennessee. Since 1975, TOSS has been advancing public education and addressing the needs of its administrators. TOSS provides advocacy at the state level for education issues that are high priorities for Tennessee schools, and is comprised of district leaders who are committed to lifelong learning, best practice sharing, and continuous improvement.*

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