

Dr. Brenda S. Dietrich

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Short Biography

Dr. Dietrich is the recently retired Superintendent of the Auburn-Washburn School District. She was Superintendent from 2001-2015 and during her tenure was named the 2007 Kansas Superintendent of the Year by KSSA. She was one of 4 finalists for National Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Dietrich graduated from McPherson High School and received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Kansas State University in 1975. She has a Master's Degree and a Ph.D. in Education Administration. She taught for 9 years before becoming an administrator and devoted 40 years to public education. She oversaw a \$70 million dollar budget and had approximately 1,000 employees in Auburn-Washburn.

Dr. Dietrich has always been actively engaged in professional activities throughout the state. She is the past Chair of the Board of Leadership Kansas, has served on the United Way of Greater Topeka Board, Family Service and Guidance Center, Junior Achievement, and the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. She is currently on the Boards of the Jayhawk Council of Boy Scouts, HCCI, Topeka-Shawnee Co. Library Foundation Board, STARBASE, and is Past- President of the Kansas School Superintendent's Association. She is also a member of Topeka South Rotary. Dr. Dietrich was honored as the Topeka ABWA 2015 Woman of Distinction and with the YWCA Women in Leadership Award.

In retirement, she is supervising doctoral students for Baker University, conducting Superintendent Searches for Ray and Associates, and campaigning for the Kansas House of Representatives. She is married and has one daughter who is a graduate of Kansas State University and is gainfully employed and living in Kansas City!!

Dr. Dietrich loves being involved in the community and is a firm believer in the power of public education to make a difference in the lives of children.