



# Draper Notes

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## **Assistant Superintendent and Leadership DeSoto**

The DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce Facebook site identifies the participants for the next *Leadership DeSoto* class. Among the names is that of the assistant superintendent for the school district. This means that the number two district administrator will be scheduled for *Leadership DeSoto* one workday per month. The cost for each participant is \$500.00 plus the salary for the workday. This is all at taxpayer expense.

With the critical state of student academic achievement in DeSoto, one must question the superintendent's decision to approve this absence from school district responsibilities. If teachers and instructional support staff are expected to make student achievement their top priority, administrators at the district level should lead by example and devote every day to supporting achievement of the best education results possible for our students. This will not be achieved by spending one workday a month in *Leadership DeSoto* activities. Our teachers and instructional support staff deserve better from the school district leadership.

Also, the \$500.00 of taxpayer money could be better used in the classroom directly supporting our students. That is a higher priority than *Leadership DeSoto* considering our current student achievement crisis.

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