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Columbia School Board member becomes MSBA president

Jan Mees, a school board member from the Columbia School District, is the new president of the Missouri School Boards' Association. Mees became MSBA president at the conclusion of the 2017 MSBA Leadership Summit held June 3-4 at the Lake of the Ozarks. She has served as president-elect of MSBA for the past year.

In remarks at the Leadership Summit, Mees urged school board members throughout the state to be advocates for public education. "Our voice has to continue to be strong and proactive, never giving up on our efforts to promote the power and potential of public education," she said.

Mike Pratte, a school board member from the Gasconade County R-I School District at Hermann was elected president-elect by the MSBA Delegate Assembly. Rhonda Gilstrap, a school board member from the Blue Springs School District was elected vice president of MSBA. Larry Felton of the Mehlville School District will serve as immediate past president.

The Missouri School Boards' Association is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed.

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