

## Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed Visits Madison Public Schools

On Monday, September 10, 2012, Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed visited the staff, students and members of the School Board at Madison Public Schools. Breed, recently named the 2012 National Administrator of the Year, was invited to Madison by Superintendent Alan Ehlers. Ehlers, in his first year at Madison, wanted to show the Commissioner the good things that are happening at Madison.

Dr. Breed has served as Nebraska's Commissioner of Education since March 2009. He is committed to improving student achievement and developing a statewide system of support for students and schools. He works closely with state and federal education stakeholders in this quest.

Beginning his day at the elementary school, Dr. Breed led almost 200 students in the Pledge of Allegiance. Before touring the building and stepping into classrooms to see what students were doing, Breed was peppered with questions from 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students learned what Dr. Breed does as the Commissioner of Education, heard that NeSA tests are given to students to measure academic progress, and found that he visits many schools to keep up to date on what students across the state are working on every day.

Continuing on the middle school and high school, Dr. Breed stopped to visit with teachers and students alike and heard about the BIST program being implemented there this fall.

According to Breed, "I was impressed with the focus of students, teachers, administrators and school board members on the improvement of student learning. With this alignment of efforts, the Madison Public Schools are well on the way to assuring every student an opportunity to achieve at a high level."