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**Silverthorne Auto Group
Recognized with Regional
Superintendent's CLASS
Award**

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Monte Newlin is pleased to announce that the Silverthorne Auto Group of Robinson is the second recipient of the Regional Superintendent's CLASS Awards Program. CLASS (Community Leaders Assisting School Success) spotlights local business and community entities that have made a significant, positive contribution to the quality of education for the students of Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland

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Counties. “Silverthorne Auto has proven again and again that they are not only community-focused, but community-invested.” said Newlin. Over the past several years, Silverthorne has generated up to \$6000 a year for the extracurricular programs of Robinson High School through their local sponsorship of the Ford Drive 4 UR School Program. More recently, Silverthorne sponsored a new car raffle with the proceeds going to all four Crawford County high schools. Palestine High School won the competition. PHS Dean of Students Tangi Waldrop noted, “It gave us an opportunity to say, “yes” to many things that had been denied in

the last several years. I had no idea the impact it was going to have on our students and school! It was as if \$17,000 fell from the sky over PHS!” Robinson Unit 2 Superintendent Josh Quick observed, “...it generated a lot of excitement in the community.” Newlin added, “With declining enrollments and shrinking, inconsistent state support, schools across our five-county region are having to cut programs that are not mandated, but they are ones that have proven to be every bit as essential to a student’s overall education, but are just not required by law. That makes every dollar generated by entities like Silverthorne even more meaningful to the quality of learning available to local students.” Owner Scott Silverthorne is considering expanding the program and making some changes to increase the competition in order to generate more dollars for students.

Hutsonville Unit 1 Board President Tina Callaway remarked that , “The generosity of Scott Silverthorne and the Silverthorne Auto Group is most deserving of the CLASS Award for injecting over \$41,000.00 directly into the four Crawford County high schools. If that’s not CLASS, I don’t know what is.”

To nominate a local business or community group for a CLASS Award, contact Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin at mnewlin@roe12.org.

Pictured are (L-R) Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin and Scott Silverthorne