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## Dayton Ind. Schools Employee Wins Statewide Award

**(FRANKFORT, Ky.—)** Linda Brandenburg, finance clerk and principal's secretary at Dayton High School, is the 2015 recipient of the Wanda Luttrell Office Professional Award, a statewide recognition. She will be presented the award at 2:20 p.m. this afternoon at Dayton High School.

The award is presented annually to a school or district office professional who contributes significantly to the efforts of the leadership team, who is the pulse of the office, and exhibits resourcefulness, commitment, professionalism, and a positive attitude. Named in honor of Wanda Luttrell, KASA's longtime office manager who served school administrators for 28 years, this award is highly prized among school staff statewide.

Having been with the district for 36 years, Brandenburg is described by Dayton High School Principal Jeremy Dodd as the "heart and soul" of the school. Over the years, she has served in various capacities, including bus driver, special education assistant, janitor, attendance secretary, principal's secretary, and finance clerk.

Dodd said Brandenburg is known for her devotion to new staff, particularly for the eight principals she has worked alongside over the years. She is known for her generosity to the students, often sharing money out of her own pocket, and for her readiness to spend time helping beyond the work day, often staying hours past the work day to help others complete tasks.

"Linda could have retired many, many years ago, but does not even discuss it because of her love of this school and the students she serves. There isn't a more dedicated or deserving employee in Dayton Independent Schools," Dodd said.

"Linda was chosen from a large pool of applicants for this statewide award by a panel of school administrators who work with their own office professionals everyday. This panel recognized immediately the power of having someone like Linda, who has certainly shown she goes above and beyond and plays an integral role in the district performing at optimum levels. It's an absolute joy for us to recognize her for this well-deserved honor," Rhonda Caldwell, deputy director of KASA, said.

KASA is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,000 education leaders from across the commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators. The Center for Education Leadership, created in 2014, is KASA's leadership development arm, providing high-quality programs and services to education leaders across the commonwealth.



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