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## Registration Opens for Statewide Education Law & Finance Institute

Registration is open for the KASA Annual Education Law & Finance Institute, March 19-20, 2015 in Lexington. This year's event combines the former Education Law & Policy Symposium with the Finance, Policy & Operations Institute, both put on by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators in partnership with the University of Kentucky and Hilliard Lyons.

The combined event gives school leaders and school attorneys one event tailored specifically to refining their daily operations. Law sessions will equip participants with the knowledge to make legally sound decisions while reducing liability, litigation and other potential legal missteps. Finance sessions will offer guidance for maneuvering in the ever-changing financial landscape without sacrificing quality services for kids. From personnel matters to performance management techniques, some of the state's and nation's top education law and finance experts will cover the spectrum of school law and finance.

The 2015 lineup features acclaimed speakers from across the country:



*Matthew Militello, Ph.D.  
Keynote Speaker*

**Matthew Militello, Ph.D.** is a professor and the Wells Fargo Endowed Chair of Educational Leadership at East Carolina University. He has held faculty positions at North Carolina State University (2008-2014) and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (2005-2008). Prior to his academic career, Militello was a middle and high public school teacher, assistant principal, and principal in Michigan for more than 10 years. In his session,

Militello will share the importance of educational leaders knowing and teaching the law. "What you do not know as a school leader will hurt you. At best, ignorance of the law inhibits best practices and is a distraction to the core enterprise of schools: teaching and learning. At worse ignorance of the law creates paralytic fear." This keynote highlights why school leaders must understand and apply school law. A basic knowledge of the law is a liberating force for school leaders—allowing them to function with innovation and without fear, affordances school leaders need to be effective. In the follow-up breakout session, the leaders will learn how to become the chief law instructor of the school or district.



*Eric Cunningham, Ph.D.  
Keynote Speaker*

**Eric L. Cunningham, Ph.D.** shares his beliefs as associate superintendent for Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools in Rocky Mount, NC. Cunningham will speak about personalizing education, creating and strengthening community partnerships, building flexible learning centers, and ensuring that schools are future-oriented, fiscally responsible, and equipped with the best qualified 21st century professionals.

Other session topics will focus on:

- finance and law for special education
- district communications
- bullying
- truancy
- cell phones and privacy
- free speech and social media
- LGBT populations

- Professional Growth Evaluation System (PGES)
- SEEK funding
- bonding, auditing and fraud prevention
- adequate employee benefits
- emerging issues surrounding school fees
- CEP Lunch program and federal food programs
- and more!

“This event is critical for school administrators in Kentucky because it allows education leaders to stay current with law and policy developments that have a vital impact on schools. We are proud to partner with the University of Kentucky and Hilliard Lyons to provide this leadership development opportunity featuring indispensable tools for leading a 21st century

school,” KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.

Learn more and register today by clicking **here!** Cost is \$219 for KASA members and \$329 for nonmembers. Institute has been approved for up to 9 hours of EILA/Finance Officer credit. CLE credit hours TBD.

The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrators 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.

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