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Outgoing Commissioner Holliday Honored for Contribution to Public Education

(FRANKFORT, Ky.—) Retiring Commissioner of Education Dr. Terry Holliday received the Power of One Award from the Kentucky Association of School Administrators Friday, July 17, 2015 at a special ceremony.

Kentucky's fifth commissioner of education, Holliday has successfully implemented many reform efforts including Senate Bill 1 (2009) mandating new academic standards, new aligned assessments and a balanced accountability system; a Professional Growth and Effectiveness System for teachers, principals and superintendents; and a comprehensive system of school and district improvement planning and support. Under Holliday's leadership, Kentucky has improved dramatically both its graduation rate and the percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college/careers.

"Dr. Holliday has made incredible contributions that benefit all Kentuckians, not just kids. During his tenure, Kentucky has become a national player in education, moving to the forefront of the national conversation on educational innovation. He and his cabinet are responsible for rising trends in student performance all across the commonwealth, and we have been proud to call him our commissioner," KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.



Dr. Terry Holliday
Kentucky Commissioner
of Education

Dr. Holliday has served as Kentucky's commissioner of education since July 2009. He currently serves as the president of the board of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and has served on the Board of Overseers of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and the National Assessment Governing Board, which sets policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card. He is the co-author of *Running All the Red Lights: A Journey of System-Wide Education Reform*.

"Terry Holliday is an exceptional leader whose dedication to improving public education is recognized in Kentucky and nationwide," said Kentucky State Board of Education Chairman Roger Marcum. "Terry came to Kentucky six years ago, on the heels of the General Assembly's passage of Senate Bill 1, and boldly took on significant reforms that focused on ensuring our students gain the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in college, postsecondary training, military or the workplace. Kentucky has made tremendous educational progress under his direction, and his impact will be felt for years to come," Kentucky Board of Education Chair and former KASA President Roger Marcum 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.

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