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**Kentucky North Star Project Nets School  
Districts Over \$2 Million**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.—) Six Kentucky districts joined the Kentucky North Star project as part of an initiative to improve process and performance management in Kentucky school districts.

Two years ago, KASA AND The Center for Education Leadership and the Kentucky Department of Education partnered to work with Kentucky school districts on a program known as the Kentucky Education North Star Project. The project is a grant program designed to enhance their internal operational processes, resulting in efficiencies that allows the reallocation of precious resources from school district operations to instructional programs.

Six districts were recognized for their Tier 2 work at KASA's Annual Leadership Institute July 17, 2015 in Louisville. Tier 2 work is an intensive program of process improvement and performance excellence designed to identify significant efficiencies and savings.

In only two years, 23 participating Kentucky districts have identified efficiencies totaling more than \$2 million. These recurring savings are being directed to instructional programs.

The six districts recognized for their 2014-15 Tier 2 work are:

- Boone County Schools
- Daviess County Schools
- Garrard County Schools
- Lee County Schools
- Martin County Schools
- Nelson County Schools

"This is astounding work, and work that will drive a sea change in how we operate schools in the 21st century. As we prepare for grant cycles to open this fall, we expect to see a huge return on the taxpayer's dollar, which will allow districts to push that money back into classrooms where they are needed most," Center for Education Leadership Executive Director Rhonda Caldwell said.

Grant cycles will open for all tiers in late September. For more information about the estimated savings or for information on available grants, visit [www.kasa.org](http://www.kasa.org) or call (800) 928-KASA.

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.

The Center for Education Leadership was formed from KASA in 2014 to provide premier leadership development opportunities for school leaders across Kentucky. Its mission and work focuses on developing strong school leaders who have access to the highest quality development opportunities in the country.

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