(FRANKFORT, Ky.)—Boyd Randolph, former superintendent of Somerset Independent Schools, and Julie Hawkins, former school director for Fayette County Public Schools, are program directors for KASA AND the Center for Education Leadership.

The new positions are part of an effort by the Center for Education Leadership (CEL) to provide supports for school improvement, the Kentucky Leadership Academy programming, and support for principals. Their work will give school-level leaders the tools to increase efficiency, target instructional efforts, and stay updated on new regulations, including the commonwealth’s recent Professional Growth and Evaluation System (PGES) for evaluating staff effectiveness.

Randolph is a longtime educator with statewide reach. Throughout his more than 30 years of service, he has been a teacher, coach, principal, superintendent, and served as a highly skilled educator for the Kentucky Department of Education. He has also served on the Pulaski County Early Childhood Council, Pulaski County Economic Development Council, KASA Next Generation Learners Task Force, KHSAA 12th Region Policy Board, Director of the KHSAA Board of Control, and the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) Education Leadership Redesign Task Force.

Hawkins brings 27 years of experience to the team. She has served as a teacher, counselor, migrant advocate, interim principal, principal, and school director. During the 11 years she served as principal, annual state test assessments increased every year, and her school was recognized as a Pace Setter School, ranked in the top 5 percent of elementary schools in the state.

“This dynamic duo will exponentially propel the work of the association forward. Collectively, they bring nearly six decades of experience in roles from teacher to superintendent, and they have worked in various districts, large and small. As we work to increase our supports for principals, school improvement, and process and performance management, Boyd and Julie will be catalysts that bring real results into classrooms,” CEL Executive Director Rhonda Caldwell said.

KASA is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,000 school 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 is the nonprofit arm of KASA, formed to provide premier leadership development opportunities for school leaders in Kentucky. Its mission and work focuses on developing strong school leaders who have access to the highest quality development opportunities in the country.