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School Leaders to Converge for Statewide Education Law & Finance Institute

(FRANKFORT, Ky. –) School leaders from across the commonwealth will converge in Lexington March 17-18 for the Annual Education Law & Finance Institute.

The two-day institute will deepen knowledge and improve practice among school administrators and their teams in implementing legal and financial decisions in the learning environment they lead. It is the premier event devoted specifically to education law and finance in Kentucky.

The 2015 lineup features acclaimed speakers from across the country:



Martha McCarthy
Keynote Speaker

Martha McCarthy, a Presidential professor at Loyola Marymount University, will present *Church & State Issues Involving Schools*. This session will provide an overview of church/state/school issues of current concern. Specific topics will include, but not be limited to, vaccination requirements, exemptions from state/

federal laws under religious freedom restoration acts, student-led graduation prayers and public school ceremonies held in churches, religious documents posted in public schools, and voucher and tax benefit/scholarship programs under which state funds flow to religious schools.

Gene Wilhoit, former Kentucky Commissioner of Education and current director of the National Center for Innovation in



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Education, will present *New Approaches to School Funding*. The National Center for Innovation in Education (NCIE) began working in 2014 with state education officials to seek changes in school funding systems that can support innovation through personalized learning and flexible, competency-based high school programs. School funding systems are complicated mechanisms at the heart of public school operations and practices, defining the information and actions necessary to receive financial aid that supports everyday teaching and learning. These powerful drivers of education practice are a logical starting point in transforming learning for students.

Justin Bathon, J.D., Ph.D., a professor at the University of Kentucky; and **V. Wayne Young, J.D.**, executive director of KASA, will present *Need to Know Law for 2016*. They will provide an update on recent court cases and other school law developments from around the country, drawing from daily experience across the school law spectrum.

Other session topics will focus on SEEK funding, gender identity in the schools, updates to regulations for district activity funds, federal education policy updates, fraud prevention in the schools, and more.

“There is no other event like this for school leaders



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anywhere in Kentucky. We are proud to provide nationally-acclaimed speakers on topics that could not be more timely for school leaders in today's world. Every school leader in Kentucky, whether a rookie or a school veteran, will bring something valuable to his or her home district," KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.

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

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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