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Former Murray Independent Superintendent receives Distinguished Service Award

Frankfort, KY -- Bob Rogers, former superintendent of Murray Independent Schools, received the 2017 Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Distinguished Service Award.

Rogers was presented the award during the KASA Annual Leadership Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, July 27, 2017. The award has been presented annually since 1973 to a retired (or retiring) school administrator who has exhibited exemplary education leadership ability and has brought honor to his or her colleagues, his or her profession and to him or herself.

During his time as district leader, Rogers was legendary for his visibility in schools, stopping to visit one-on-one with students. He was also known as a strong educational leader, especially in the area of district finance. The Murray Independent Board of Education noted that when it appointed him as superintendent in 2005. He immediately began work on an instant plan of action to strengthen the district's finances, but didn't stop there. Rogers has helped district leaders across the state by sharing his expertise at KASA's Annual Education Law & Finance Institute. For more than 10 years, he has taught the basics of Kentucky's education-funding formula, SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky), and how to maximize funds for student achievement. Superintendents in his area of the state often ask for his assistance in training local school boards in the area of finance.

MISD Curriculum/Instruction Supervisor Lou Carter nominated Rogers for the KASA Distinguished Service Award. She notes that servant leadership is truly one of his strong traits.

"Mr. Rogers can be found removing snow from school and district parking areas on wintry days," Carter said. "If the cafeteria staff is shorthanded, he often helps serve food to students. Students of all ages simply adore Mr. Rogers." [Click here for a video of support for Rogers' nomination, created by Lou Carter.](#)

"I can testify to the superb work ethic, commitment and professionalism that have contributed to his distinguished career," Caldwell County Schools Superintendent Carrell Boyd said. "Mr. Rogers thrives on the challenges that face superintendents, and his command of the various facets of leadership that are required to lead a district toward improvement has been outstanding."

Rogers retired on June 30 after serving the students of the Murray Independent School District for 12 years. Before his tenure in Murray, he was the superintendent of Caldwell County Schools. He has been a superintendent for 25 of his 50 years in education.

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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