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KDE Associate Commissioner Receives Statewide Award for Excellence in Public Education

(FRANKFORT, Ky.)— The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) awarded Mr. David Couch the 2017 William T. Nallia Award.

Couch, an associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education, was nominated for the award by KASA's board of directors.

The award is named in honor of Mr. William T. Nallia, KASA's executive director from 1975 to 1986. During his tenure, KASA grew tremendously and was at the forefront of innovation in public education in Kentucky. The award recognizes an education leader who reflects a spirit of innovation and cutting-edge leadership while bringing higher levels of success and learning to children.

For more than 25 years, Couch has devoted himself to one goal: equipping Kentucky's schools with the best array of technology hardware and software available, allowing students to become globally competitive, regardless of where they live. He has maintained an unwavering commitment to improving educational opportunities for Kentucky's children without regard to political expediency or popular opinion. He understands that, for many Kentucky students, particularly those in Eastern Kentucky where he grew up, a robust technology infrastructure is their best hope for a productive life.

"For 25 years, David has combined passion and focus to deliver incredible opportunities to Kentucky's students, by personally making sure their access to technology is second to none. His dedication to the task has given them the gift of a brighter future," KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.

Representing nearly 3,100 education leaders, KASA has members in every school district in the commonwealth. KASA has been connecting education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups in addition to providing numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators for over 40 years.

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