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## Boone County Schools' Connie Crigger Named Administrator of the Year

(Frankfort, Ky) Connie Crigger, Principal of Boone County's Mann Elementary School, was selected as the building level Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. She was presented the award at KASA's 50th Annual Leadership Institute in Louisville, on July 25, 2018.

This award represents the highest honor KASA bestows annually on practicing administrators, recognizing outstanding leadership, significant contributions to the effectiveness of the association, and the honor they bring to themselves, their colleagues, and their profession.

Connie Crigger began her education career as a parent member of the PTA. While considered an unlikely candidate, she switched careers and stepped into the role of classroom teacher and then principal. She is known for her philosophy of Kids First and not doing what is best for adults, but rather what is best for kids. She says, "If that makes adults uncomfortable, I'm okay with that." Her school was named a National Blue-Ribbon School, the first in the history of the district.



"Connie is not one to rest," said Dr. Randy Poe, superintendent, Boone County Schools. "She's always looking for something new, but significant, to better herself, her staff, and her students. Her key to success has always been to stay positive, even in the midst of a seemingly insurmountable storm."

This principal leader is described by Dr. Poe as "one who is responsible for the district's commitment to a culture of positivity." Her work with positive psychology netted her school and the district big gains when it comes to higher productivity, less turnover, a more resilient culture, and the district being named a top employer in the region.

"Connie Crigger is truly a school leader that deserves to be celebrated and honored among her peers...she is someone that we would want all of our principals in the state to aspire to be." Erika Bowles, principal, Longbranch Elementary, Boone County.

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