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## Former Pendleton County Superintendent Receives Distinguished Service Award

(Frankfort, Ky) Dr. Anthony Strong, former superintendent of Pendleton County Schools, received the 2018 Kentucky Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award.

Strong was presented the award during KASA's 50th Annual Leadership Institute, July 26, in Louisville. The award has been presented annually since 1973 to a retired (or retiring) educator who served both KASA and public education with an unsurpassed degree of commitment.

Dr. Strong is a longtime KASA member who served a total of 14 years as superintendent in two districts. In each, he implemented programs and instilled a vision that led to lasting accomplishments. Most recently, he spearheaded an early learning program that produced significant academic growth in the early grades. He also created opportunities for high school students that led to a nearly 50 percent increase in college and career readiness.

In his doctoral work, Dr. Strong helped produce the guiding document that is used to implement the required training program for all new superintendents in Kentucky. He has given back to the profession by serving as a member and chairman of the Education Professional Standards Board, the KASS and the KASA boards of directors.

"Dr. Strong has proven time and time again what school leadership looks like by mentoring strong leaders from within his district, exacting remarkable growth, and consistently proving successful methods. The legacy he leaves for all Kentucky educators is one we are proud to applaud," KASA Deputy Director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell said.

KASA's Leadership Awards Program is provided in partnership with American Fidelity Assurance Company.

The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrators' group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,100 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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