(FRANKFORT, Ky.—) KASA’s Center for Education Leadership, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Education North Star Community, is offering Process Improvement Performance Excellence (PIPE) grants for 2016.

The program aims to target specific challenges in schools that cost money, resources, and/or time. The North Star Community helps districts operate with maximum efficiency, establish systems and processes, and reallocate resources for the highest return on investment.

Members of the Kentucky Education North Star Community include 23 districts with student populations of 500 to 20,000, who have joined since 2013. So far, the program boasts $2 million and counting in initial and recurring savings.

“As education dollars become more and more coveted, everyone working in public education is looking for ways to make dollars do more for kids. School administrators know that every aspect of student learning, every moment, every program, and every dollar, must count,” Center for Education Leadership Executive Director Rhonda Caldwell said.

Applications are due December 18. For more information or to download the application, click here.

Grants are available in three tiers:

**Tier I: District Prioritization Analysis ($10,000)**
Determine where to best deploy process and performance management work within your system and determine your district’s greatest needs for alignment of work for the best possible ROI for your project.

**Tier II: Comprehensive Improvement Effort ($40,000)**
In-depth training for embedding PIPE in your district through hands-on project work with action teams. School districts participating in this level often experience significant and recurring savings.

**Tier III: Collaborative Improvement Effort ($8,000)**
Join other school district teams to work and collaborate on a common issue (e.g. strategic planning, transportation, HR, facilities use).

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.

The Center for Education Leadership was formed from KASA in 2014 to provide premier leadership development opportunities for school leaders across Kentucky. Its mission and work focuses on developing strong school leaders who have access to the highest quality development opportunities in the country.

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