

Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA)

Department of Information, Wanda Darland, Communications Specialist

Phone (502) 875-3411 / Fax (502) 875-4634

wandad@kasa.org

NEWS RELEASE

December 8, 2009

Kenton County leader named Kentucky Superintendent of the Year

(Frankfort) Tim Hanner, superintendent of the Kenton County Schools, is the 2010 Kentucky Superintendent of the Year (SOY). The announcement was made earlier today at a special recognition ceremony held during the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents' winter conference.

"Tim Hanner is an exceptional superintendent whose leadership has turned the Kenton district into a model of school reform," said KASA executive Director Wayne Young, in announcing the award. "Tim has accomplished significant gains in student achievement. His strategy for integrating 21st century skills into core learning is visionary and his efforts to ensure all the district's 14,000 students are connected to school and to a positive adult role model are second to none."

Hanner was chosen for the award by a statewide blue ribbon panel comprised of school administrators and other education leaders. The panel noted Hanner's passion, enthusiasm and high expectations for the global era. According to panel members, Hanner's list of attributes was lengthy, but new skills for the 21st century, the ability to engage the entire community in relevant partnerships, sustainable energy initiatives, student-led teams solving real world problems, and a clear vision for mapping out a student's future were prominent.

Hanner is the twenty-third superintendent to receive the honor since the program's inception in 1988. The Kentucky SOY program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead the commonwealth and the nation's public schools. The program, sponsored by KASA and Scientific Learning, is part of the national SOY program, which is sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Aramark Education and ING.

As the 2010 SOY, Hanner received a bronze eagle statue to commemorate the award and a \$2,000 scholarship for a Kenton County high school student. In addition, he will compete for the national title, be recognized during AASA's National Conference on Education in February, and participate in a discussion forum on an educational issue which is published in *Leadership for Change*, a white paper for use by educators worldwide.

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 policy makers, legislators and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's p-12 school administrators.