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Daviess County Superintendent Wins 2011 Kentucky Superintendent of the Year

(FRANKFORT, Ky.)— Dr. Tom Shelton, superintendent of Daviess County Schools, was awarded the 2011 Superintendent of the Year December 7, 2010 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites in Louisville by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the largest school administrators group in the commonwealth.

Shelton, former director of business and operations and assistant superintendent for Daviess County Schools, is being lauded for his distinct leadership style, financial expertise, and state leadership.

Shelton has transformed from a financial expert into an educator and a public servant. The president of the Council for Better Education and chair of the Local Superintendents' Advisory Council, Shelton has also provided school finance training to new Kentucky superintendents and to members of several statewide education associations, including KASA, KASS, and KSBA.

A veteran student himself, Shelton earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, master's degree in business administration, and Rank I in educational administration, all from Murray State University. He also earned his doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of Louisville this year, and has also conducted post-graduate studies at Harvard University as part of the Executive Educational Leadership Program.

"Tom's growth and accomplishments as a superintendent have simply been amazing to watch. Coming from a nontraditional career path, he devoted himself to sharpening his own skills, and then to providing tireless and visionary leadership to his district. The district was already doing a lot of things right when he became superintendent; he has continued those things, and built upon them. He is well-deserving of this honor."

Shelton was selected by a statewide blue ribbon judging panel comprised of active or retired school administrators, state board members, and university professors based on this year's criteria: Leadership for Learning strategy, communication with district constituents, professionalism, and community involvement.

Shelton is the 24th superintendent to receive this award since the program's inception in 1988. The Kentucky Superintendent of the Year program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead the commonwealth and the nation's public schools. Sponsored by KASA and Scientific Learning, Shelton will receive a bronze eagle statue to commemorate the award and a \$2,500 scholarship for a Daviess County high school student.

As part of the national Superintendent of the Year program, sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Aramark Education, and ING, Shelton 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.

Representing more than 3,000 education leaders, KASA has members in every school district in the commonwealth. Since 1969 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.

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