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Seasoned Educator Joins KASA AND The Center for Education Leadership Team

(FRANKFORT, Ky.—) Rita Muratalla, a longtime educator and statewide leader, is the new director of principal development and support for the KASA AND The Center for Education Leadership.

The new position is part of an effort by The Center for Education Leadership (CEL) to provide another layer of support for principals in the 2015-16 year. Muratalla’s work will give school-level leaders the tools to increase efficiency, target instructional efforts, and stay updated on new regulations, including the commonwealth’s recent Professional Growth and Evaluation System (PGES) for evaluating staff effectiveness.

Muratalla earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education, as well as her Rank I in instructional leadership from Western Kentucky University. With over 20 years in the field, she has served as a literacy coach; instructional leader; director of elementary programs and public relations; coordinator of substitute teachers, professional development, extended school services, and textbooks; assistant principal; and principal. She has worked in Muldraugh Elementary School (Meade County), West Point Independent Schools, Bowling Green City Schools, and Bullitt County Schools.

“I look forward to a challenge; all of the knowledge and experience I’ve attained have helped me effectively multitask and be an instructional leader, and I look forward to putting those skills to work for KASA AND The Center for Education Leadership,” Muratalla said.

“I have modeled my vision in the schools in a way that all students could and would achieve at high levels by fostering a positive environment that was instructionally sound. This philosophy enabled the students, parents, community and staff to respect each other and form high expectations for everyone. I live this philosophy; I have seen firsthand how it helps children become successful self-sufficient adults.”

Rita served on the KASA board of directors from 2009 to 2013 and was the President of KASA during the 2012-13 school year. She has been a longtime member of the association, serving on various committees and maintaining an active role in improving programs for school administrators.

“Rita is an exceptional individual; she is full of enthusiasm for the work and wants to do what’s best for kids above all else. She leads by example, and she will greatly increase our capacity to serve Kentucky’s school administrators,” Rhonda Caldwell, executive director of The Center for Education Leadership, said.

KASA is the largest school administrator 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, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky’s school administrators.

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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