(Frankfort, Ky) -- Jennifer Godbey, Casey County Family Resource Center Coordinator, has been honored as the 2019 Distinguished Service Award Winner by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators at its annual leadership conference in Louisville, July 18. The award has been presented annually since 1973 to a retired (or retiring) educator who served both KASA and public education with an outstanding level of service and commitment.

Godbey has been a member of KASA since 2005, which coincidentally aligns with her tenure as supervisor of the district’s four-STARS rated preschool program, a responsibility over and above her duties as the Family Resource Center Coordinator.

In her capacity as a KASA member, she has been active in both the legislative and nominating committees and served as a regional board member.

“Jennifer Godbey has proven her leadership skills on various platforms and at all levels that are important to KASA and our members,” said Dr. Rhonda Caldwell, KASA’s executive director. “She has been an innovator, a champion for children in Casey County and throughout Kentucky, and a presence that inspires through servant leadership.”

Godbey started in the Casey County system as a substitute teacher while attending Eastern Kentucky University, where she graduated Cum Laude in 1991. Upon graduation, she became an elementary teacher and coordinator for both school technology and professional development. In 1999, she moved to the Family Resource Center.

“The best employees are like a river,” said Marion Sowders, Superintendent of Casey County. “No one has to tell the river to make progress; it just does. Jennifer is like that. She keeps searching for ways to improve and push her boundaries. Jennifer is always doing what needs to be done. Casey County schools have been blessed to have her on our team.”

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The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrator’s 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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