(Frankfort, Ky) The Kentucky Association of School Administrators Board of Directors selected the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) as the 2019 recipient of the William Nallia Award.

Named in honor of the former executive director of KASA who led the tremendous growth of the association in its early years, the award is presented annually to an educational leader or entity that has shown a spirit of innovation and exemplary service to Kentucky’s students.

KCSS has and continues to have a direct and substantial impact on every school leader in the commonwealth. Kentucky has been at the forefront of innovation in school safety initiatives for over two decades. Over that period, having a go-to resource for best practices, technical assistance, and support for school leaders grappling with tough school safety issues became routine in our state.

“When tragedy struck one of our schools, we were all reminded of the special gift we have in Kentucky, and there is nothing routine about it. A veteran building leader who has “walked the walk” now serves his colleagues by leading an agency that is always responsive, always prepared, and always willing to do whatever it takes to support Kentucky educators, not only in crisis, but every day.” Dr. Rhonda Caldwell, KASA Executive Director

As the General Assembly developed and adopted comprehensive school safety measures for all Kentucky schools earlier this year, KCSS and its executive director, Mr. Jon Akers, played a critical role in making sure not only that measures were educationally and technically sound, but also that they were practical and reasonable for school leaders to implement and manage. And since the legislation’s adoption, they have worked tirelessly to ensure all Kentucky educators are fully aware of its requirements and provisions.

The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrators’ 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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