(Frankfort, Ky) The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) selected Superintendent Patricia Sheffer (Union County Schools) to represent KASA on the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Governing Board. She attended her first meeting, February 13-14, during AASA's National Conference on Education, in San Diego, CA.

KASA holds two seats on the Governing Board. Sheffer will complete Nick Brake's (Owensboro Ind.) term who retired December 31. Dr. Henry Webb, superintendent of the Kenton County Schools, holds the second seat.

“These superintendents are among the best in the state,” said Executive Director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. “They will represent KASA and Kentucky well and serve as our voice in the AASA decision making process.”

AASA Governing Board members have dual responsibilities. They represent their home state on the Governing Board and they report the work of the Governing Board to their home state affiliate. Through the Governing Board elected representatives, members have a voice in AASA decision making. KASA members can expect to learn more from these representatives about KASA and AASA throughout the year.

An active member of KASA since 2003, Sheffer has participated in multiple programs with AASA. Specifically, she is a 2016 graduate of the AASA National Superintendent Certification Program and attends the National Conference on Education (NCE) each year.

“I feel the AASA Superintendent program and information gleaned from the annual NCE assists me in meeting the challenges of moving our district forward on our continuous improvement journey,” said Sheffer.

Within her district, Sheffer places great value on community partnerships. With a focus on increasing career/technical offerings, she reached out to the community to learn desired employability and life skills that local businesses are interested in seeing out of Union County graduates. It was this initial outreach that led the school district to embrace the concepts of career success, not just readiness, by forming strategic partnerships to expand career training opportunities.

“As an improving district, it’s essential to develop the habit of comparing ourselves to the best—across town, throughout the state, nation, and around the globe. We must continually focus on outcomes and rigorously assess progress toward reaching those outcomes when considering personnel and programs,” said Sheffer. “The greatest impact a superintendent has upon student achievement is the concerted direction provided to the administration of the district. I feel the AASA Superintendent program and information gleaned from the annual NCE assists me in meeting the challenges of moving our district forward on our continuous improvement journey.”
Superintendent of Union County Schools since 2012, Sheffer was named a finalist for the Kentucky superintendent of the year award in 2019 for her outstanding leadership in meeting the needs of students within her district. She also serves the KASA membership in multiple capacities; a member of both the New Superintendent Onboarding Leadership team and the Kentucky Women in Education Leadership steering committee.

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.