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Paducah Tilghman Principal Deatrik Kinney Elected to KASA Board of Directors

(Frankfort, Ky) Deatrik Kinney, principal of Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah Independent Schools, has been elected to the Kentucky Association of School Administrators Board of Directors as the representative for the Western Lakes Region. In this role, Kinney will help guide the association's work on behalf of Kentucky's education leaders while serving as a voice for school administrators throughout the region.

"Deatrik is a respected and accomplished school leader whose commitment to students is evident throughout his career," said KASA Chief Executive Officer Rhonda Caldwell, Ed.D. "His experience, perspective and deep connection to western Kentucky and his years of service on KASA committees will make him a strong advocate for the leaders and school communities he represents."

Kinney has worked in education since 2008. He began his career teaching health and physical education in Fulton County Schools before joining Todd County Central High School, where he served as assistant principal and later principal. He became Paducah Tilghman's assistant principal and director of athletics in 2021 and was selected as principal in 2023.

During his leadership at Paducah Tilghman, the school has been recognized for gains in student performance, including improved assessment results, graduation outcomes and Advanced Placement participation.

Kinney earned a bachelor's degree in education from Murray State University before going on to complete a master's degree in education, Rank I certification in instructional leadership and an education specialist degree with an endorsement in pupil personnel from the University of the Cumberlands.

"I am honored to be elected to this position by my peers in order to represent the Western Lakes Region and the outstanding school leaders who serve its students and communities," Kinney said. "I look forward to listening to their needs, sharing their perspectives and working with colleagues across Kentucky to strengthen educational leadership."

About KASA:

KASA is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,300 education leaders from across the commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups and provides numerous benefits to Kentucky's school administrators.

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