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TO: Matt Cooper, Menifee County

FROM: Debra Webb, Director of Board Team Development
Kentucky School Boards Association

RE: **Advancement within the KSBA Academy of studies**

Congratulations! During 2024, your professional development efforts resulted in the successful completion of multiple levels within the KSBA Academy of Studies. I am enclosing your official certificates and pins to recognize your achievement.

This in-service training initiative is designed to prepare school board members to succeed in a new era of high expectations through a realistic and practical curriculum designed with the assistance of experts in the field – current Kentucky board members and superintendents. By continuing to advance within the Academy, you have taken another step in a very important journey that will benefit the students in your district for years to come.

On behalf of the KSBA board of directors, congratulations again on a job well done!

Please direct questions or suggestions to Debra Webb (debra.webb@ksba.org) at (800) 372-2962.

Enclosures

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Menifee County board member advance in professional development

The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) has awarded certificates of advanced training in school leadership to one member of the Menifee County Board of Education.

Matt Cooper has achieved Level Two and Three Certification in KSBA's Academy of Studies.

Kentucky law mandates varying hours of training based on each board member's years of service. The lower levels of KSBA's Academy of Studies include courses such as the basics of the board's role, school finance, superintendent evaluations, and facilities planning. As a board member advances in the certification process, the courses become more specific to issues, such as evaluating the board's own effectiveness, doing advanced budget planning, becoming better advocates for children, and grasping the board's responsibilities in school and student assessment and accountability.

On behalf of the association, and Kentucky's 857 locally elected school members, we are grateful to these individuals for their substantial investments of time and attention in achieving Academy of Studies certification. This level of commitment to professional learning will pave the way for even more success in our Commonwealth's school districts.

The Kentucky School Boards Association was established in 1936 and represents 857 school board members in 171 districts across Kentucky. As Kentucky's leading advocate for public school boards, KSBA's mission is to empower local districts through superior support, service, and training. For more information, visit ksba.org.