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NEWS IN EDUCATION

RICK CARTER NAMED THE FIRST PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE CHAMPION

Athens, Ala: Dr. Rick Carter, director of innovation programs at Athens City Schools, was announced as the first recipient of the Principal Advocate Champion award by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Policy & Advocacy Center.

During the recent 2018 National Principals Conference in Chicago, Illinois, the NASSP Policy & Advocacy Center announced a new award. Recognized quarterly, the Principal Advocate Champion is awarded to someone who has made a powerful impact on the direction of public education policy through their personal engagement with state and federal policymakers and their ability to organize grassroots support behind NASSP advocacy initiatives.

Dr. Carter was recognized for being an advocate who has dedicated his time to advancing the policy and civic priorities of school leaders, public education, and students across America and Alabama.

In Alabama, Dr. Carter is very involved with the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) and the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP). He is an active member of the CLAS Legislative Network (CLN) and meets with the state lawmakers throughout the legislative session, helping to advance public education.

Before his current administrative role with the district, Dr. Carter was a high school principal and educator for 14 years. For his outstanding commitment to his school and students, he was named the Alabama Principal of the Year in 2013.

To learn more about this national organization, or the recognition that Dr. Rick Carter received, visit <http://blog.nassp.org/microblog/principals-policy/>

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About AASSP: The Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals is an affiliate association of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS). It is also the state chapter of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

About CLAS: CLAS, the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools was founded in 1969 by a small group of school leaders to provide targeted professional development and support for Alabama's public school administrators. CLAS now serves ten affiliates representing each type of public school/school system leader. CLAS provides the framework to connect dedicated school administrators and other successful leaders with a network for professional growth and support. CLAS is the premier professional development provider for administrators in public schools in the state of Alabama. www.clasleaders.org

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