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## **Perkins Superintendent Jodie Hausmann Receives "Women in Leadership" Award**

Sandusky, OH – The Perkins Local Schools Board of Education is proud to announce that Superintendent Jodie Hausmann has been awarded the 2018 Betsy M. Cowles Leadership Award presented by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA).

This distinguished award will be presented to Superintendent Hausmann at the BASA Women's Conference on March 14th in Columbus, Ohio. Every year this award is presented to a female administrator who has demonstrated outstanding education leadership by making significant contributions to educational administration in a school district, education service center or educational institution.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to accept an award named in honor of Betsy Cowles - who was widely recognized as a disruptive innovator, true educational visionary and human rights activist," says Hausmann. "As one of Ohio's greatest leaders, what I respect most about Betsy was her unwavering moral compass, was obvious in her commitment to social justice and especially her dedication to establishing and protecting the rights of women and people of color. Her devotion to those causes, as well as her commitment to infant schools - which was the precursor to kindergarten - inspired me early on in my career, and brought me focus as my path developed from a teacher, to a principal, to an administrator, and now today, as a superintendent."

Betsy M. Cowles was one of the earliest and most notable female superintendents in the State of Ohio. She was known for her contributions in education, civil rights, and

women's rights in Ohio. Ms. Cowles was a risk taker and stood for what she believed. Candidates are selected for being an excellent role model and should encourage others to seek administrative positions.

Superintendent Hausmann was nominated by her peers for the award and a committee selected the winner from the applications that listed contributions and exemplary leadership and how the applicant enhanced education.

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*The mission of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators is to inspire and support its members, develop exemplary school system leaders and advocate for public education.*