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District Receives Level 2 Commitment Excellence Award



Montgomery County High School, Mt. Sterling, KY—The Montgomery County School District received a Level 2 - Commitment Award from the Kentucky Center for Performance Excellence in a statewide recognition ceremony held in Lexington on June 5, 2013. The Kentucky Award for Performance Excellence is designed to ensure rigorous standards of excellence for business and industry, health-care programs, government, and education using the stringent and prestigious Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. After achieving Level 4, which is a long-term, challenging process, organizations are eligible to apply for the national Malcolm Baldrige Award.

The Baldrige Award program began through an act of Congress in 1987 with the goal of improving quality so that American businesses would be more competitive globally. It has since expanded to include any organization and address success and sustainability. As of 2010 a total of 1,471 organizations had applied for the award and only 95 Baldrige Awards have been issued since the program's inception.

Retired Superintendent and part-time Instructional Supervisor for the school district, Phil Eason, was also one of fifty individuals recognized for serving as an Examiner for the Kentucky Center for Performance Excellence awards program. Mr. Eason was appointed in 2010 by the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology to serve in the capacity of Examiner for the National Baldrige Program.

Upon acceptance of the Level 2 award on behalf of the Montgomery County School District, Dr. Joshua Powell, Superintendent, expressed appreciation to Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner, Dr. Terry Holliday, for advancing a performance driven education system in the state. “There is great irony in trying to make public schools performance driven. In fact, it is a charter-like concept.” Dr. Powell concluded with, “The focus and improvement required to qualify for the excellence awards are invaluable to us in meeting our vision of leading all of Kentucky’s children by achieving top 10 in everything we do.”