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BESD's Sandvik Honored by Arizona School Administrator's Association

Distinguished Administrator Award presented for Leadership in Action

Buckeye, Az. – June 20, 2016 – Dr. Kristi Sandvik, Superintendent of the [Buckeye Elementary School District](#) was recently honored by the Arizona School Administrator's at their annual conference, as the Distinguished Administrator in the Superintendent's Division. Sandvik was chosen from a field of Superintendents for her outstanding leadership in the following areas:

- the teaching and learning process,
- outstanding achievements,
- professional activities, awards and honors and,
- community service.

According to Richard Hopkins, BESD Board member and nominator for the award, "Dr. Kristi Sandvik is an outstanding leader and advocate for education, not only in Buckeye Elementary School District, but also in the state of Arizona, and nationally through the committees and governing boards she serves on. She currently sits and actively participates on the American Association of School Administrator's (AASA) Executive Governing Board and the Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) Support Our Schools AZ, Lion's Club of Buckeye and many more. Dr. Sandvik is deeply committed to providing high quality instruction to all students in the District. She is also committed to providing teachers and students with the support they need to be successful. Her commitment to students, families and community members is evident both in her interactions with them and in the collaborative leadership decisions she guides the community and District in making."

According to Dr. Sandvik, "I care deeply about the entire BESD community and believe they play a vital role in our success. We work daily to ensure all of our schools decrease the achievement gap for minority students as we address equity in education. To be recognized by my peers for doing what I am passionate about makes me want to commit even more to our students, staff, families and communities who deserve our best. We all see the need for students to be prepared for college and career readiness and we are willing to do everything to make it happen each day. I am fortunate to have such a talented group to work with and honored to receive this award."

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