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### **Alabama's 2010 Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Joyce Levey, Among Top Finalist for National Award**

**Montgomery, AL., December 17, 2009** -- The School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) and Classworks, an SSA Premium Business Member, are proud to announce that Alabama's 2010 Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Joyce Levey, Superintendent of Tuscaloosa City Schools has been selected as one of four finalist for the AASA 2010 National Superintendent of the Year program. The national program is co-sponsored by ARAMARK Education, ING and the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

AASA's Selection Committee chose Dr. Joyce Levey and the other three national finalists from among 49 Superintendent of the Year state winners throughout the country. The finalists will be at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on January 12, 2010, where they will be interviewed by a national blue-ribbon selection panel of educators, businesspeople and government officials. AASA will announce the winner at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, AZ on February 11, 2010. A \$10,000 college scholarship will be presented in the name of the National Superintendent of the Year to a student in the high school from which the superintendent graduated, or the school now serving the same area.

The other finalists for 2010 AASA National Superintendent of the Year are:

--Elizabeth Molina Morgan, Superintendent, Washington County, Maryland, Public Schools

--Walt Rulffes, Superintendent, Clark County, Nevada, School District

--Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, Jefferson County, Colorado, Public Schools

"We are very proud for Alabama to have a national finalist two years in a row. Dr. Levey's selection is a reflection of the high quality of school system leaders in our state," praised SSA Executive Director Dr. Susan Lockwood.

"AASA is pleased to recognize these four outstanding superintendents," said AASA Executive Director Daniel A. Domenech. "Their dedication to transforming schools, providing quality education for all students, and working with the school community to advance student success represents the best in school system leadership today."

Dr. Levey has been superintendent of the Tuscaloosa City Schools, which serve 10,311 students, since 2003. She previously served as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the district. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and her educational specialist and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Levey was recognized for her efforts to transform Tuscaloosa City schools, including her implementation of professional learning communities, leadership academies, a pre-K program, a middle-school initiative, and a comprehensive strategic plan through community based partnerships.

The School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) provides a united voice for superintendents in our state. SSA promotes public education in Alabama and the nation; is the leading advocate for children and youth in our state; provides a forum for discussion of educational issues; provides professional development for superintendents and their leadership team to promote the efficient and effective operation of the school system and the achievement of students; and is the organization for superintendents to influence policy makers and legislators.