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## **Reading Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Murray Receives PASA Award of Achievement for Instructional Leadership**

READING, PA — The [Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators](#) (PASA) has honored Reading School District Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Murray with the Award of Achievement for Instructional Leadership.

Dr. Murray was selected by the PASA Executive Committee for her dedication to enhancing educational opportunities for the district's students and families. Under her guidance, RSD has developed the Total Experience Learning Initiative in the Reading School District in collaboration with [Albright College](#). This program immerses students in grades 5-12 in advanced scientific research, nurturing critical thinking skills and preparing them for college-level studies.

"Receiving the PASA Award for Instructional Leadership among such esteemed recipients is an incredible honor," said Dr. Murray. "I am immensely proud of the strides the Reading School District has made, and this award serves as a testament to our collective efforts in empowering young minds and shaping a brighter future for our community."

Addressing staffing challenges, Dr. Murray has also helped establish housing solutions for new teachers and instituted paid internships for RSD students. Additionally, she has initiated comprehensive professional development programs for student-teachers, enriching their educational journey and supporting the future of the district's teaching workforce.

The PASA Awards of Achievement, instituted by the PASA Board of Governors, are dedicated to acknowledging exceptional leadership among Pennsylvania school administrators. Each 2023 award sponsor—Horace Mann, PLGIT, and Lincoln Investment—contributed a \$1,000 donation toward a scholarship fund of each recipient's choice. The Reading Education Foundation (REF) is the recipient of Dr. Murray's award.

Additional awards this year went to Dr. John W. Zesiger, recipient of the Service to the Profession award; Dr. Andrew Surloff, recipient of the Leadership in Public Education Award; and Dr. Shane Hotchkiss, recipient of the 2024 PA Superintendent of the Year award.

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