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Dr. Raymond Sterling Kellis Leadership Award**

Avondale, AZ – Littleton Elementary School District #65 (LESD) Superintendent Dr. Roger Freeman was presented with the prestigious 2021 Dr. Raymond Sterling Kellis Leadership Award during the Arizona School Administrators (ASA) summer conference held at the El Conquistador Tucson Resort.

The ASA established this award to recognize the outstanding life-long contributions Dr. Kellis made to leadership in education in Arizona. This singular award is presented to a person who most exemplifies the leadership style of the late Dr. Kellis. Dr. Freeman was recognized for excelling in the following categories:

- Demonstrates a vision of a better life for children through education
- Exhibits ethical conduct of the highest order
- Possesses strong moral convictions
- Participates actively as a civic leader
- Mentors aspiring, new and veteran administrators
- Values and sees the best in others

“I was really surprised when I heard my name called as the recipient of this award. It is an honor and a privilege to be recognized as someone representative of the leadership likened to the stature of Dr. Kellis,” said Dr. Freeman. “As great as it is receiving this award, it represents all the hard work put in by our Governing Board and all the administrators, teachers and support staff of the Littleton District.” He added, “I had a number of opportunities to talk to Ray back when I was a principal, and for those who knew him, you know that means I mostly listened.”

Dr. Freeman was nominated by LESD Director of Curriculum and Assessment Robyann Musil who stated, “Dr. Freeman is an ardent and seemingly tireless advocate for public education in the West Valley and across Arizona. He is a naturally introverted educator who becomes animated by advocating for families and their students and was instrumental in establishing LESD’s values of Trust, Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Dedication.”



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