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Illinois Principals Association Names Debra Le Blanc as 2014 Herman Graves Award Recipient

Springfield, IL – Debra LeBlanc, Retired Principal from Downers Grove, IL has received the 2014 Herman Graves Award from the Illinois Principals Association and sponsored by Horace Mann Companies. She most recently served as a Principal in the Community Consolidated School District 180 in Burr Ridge, IL.

The Herman Graves Award was established in 1991 to recognize outstanding service to IPA. Herman Graves was selected as the first honoree and the award was established because of the intrinsic contributions he made to the Association and his enthusiasm for the profession. Regional winners are chosen from the 21 regional areas which form the framework of the Illinois Principals Association. From these elite administrators, a state winner is chosen by a committee comprised of IPA Past Presidents.

Mrs. LeBlanc has served in many capacities for the organization including DuPage Region Director and DuPage Membership Chair. She developed a partnership between the DuPage Region and the DuPage Regional Office of Education for academy offerings, professional development opportunities and leadership in development of principal evaluation instrument. She was recognized October 20, 2014 at a special ceremony during the Illinois Principals Association Fall Professional Conference held in Peoria, IL.

The Illinois Principals Association serves over 4,800 educational leaders statewide and exists to advance learning through effective educational leadership. You can find out more about the IPA at www.ilprincipals.org. The Herman Graves Award is supported by Horace Mann Companies of Springfield, IL.