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Dr. Dale McCall Receives AESA's 2025 Excellence in Executive Leadership Award

Ripon, WI — The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESa) is proud to announce that Dr. Dale McCall, Executive Director of the Colorado BOCES Association (CBA), has been named the recipient of the 2025 Excellence in Executive Leadership Award, honoring the legacy of Justus A. Prentice.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. McCall has consistently embodied and advanced AESa's core values of equity, innovation, and service. Since 2007, he has led Colorado's 21 Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) with courage, vision, and a deep commitment to rural education.

"Dale's leadership is transformative," said Dr. Katy Anthes, former Colorado Commissioner of Education. "He brings clarity of purpose, humility, and relentless advocacy to every conversation. His ability to unite BOCES leaders and elevate rural voices has reshaped Colorado's education system—and inspired national change."

Tamara Durbin, Executive Director of Northeast BOCES who also serves as President of the Colorado BOCES Association, added: "Dale integrates a lifetime of agricultural experience with a deep commitment to educational service. His leadership is grounded, principled, and mission-driven. He's a true embodiment of AESa's values."

Dr. McCall's accomplishments include securing \$1.3 million in BOCES funding, expanding Colorado's participation in AEPA, and launching statewide initiatives like the CBA Food Cooperative, eNetLearning, and Colorado Digital Learning Solutions. His advocacy has shaped key legislation in special education and digital learning, and his collaborative leadership has built enduring partnerships across Colorado's education landscape.

With over 40 years in public education, including roles as teacher, principal, superintendent, and BOCES executive, Dr. McCall's legacy is one of service, innovation, and unwavering dedication. He is also President of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, reflecting his lifelong commitment to rural communities.

AESA is honored to recognize Dr. McCall's extraordinary career at the 2025 AESa Annual Conference & Expos in Colorado Springs—a fitting tribute in the state he so faithfully serves.

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