Local Government Education Award

Thomas Lundy, county manager, Catawba
County, North Carolina, has demonstrated the creativity, determination, and ability to implement meaningful programs that educate the school children of Catawba County and North Carolina about local government.

Under his leadership, the following local programs have been initiated:

- The development of a curriculum unit for the third grade on Catawba County government.
- County staff participation in the Adopt-A-School program.
- The production of imaginative videotape on county government for schools.

 Development of Catawba County Day in which social studies students take the place of county employees and elected officials.

In addition to these local programs, Lundy has motivated the North Carolina City and County Management Association to develop a curriculum, textbook, and situational video for ninth grade students throughout the state. Under his leadership, the first phase of this two-year project, involving a number of cooperating agencies, has been completed. A 12-minute video on local government has been produced and distributed for free to all public schools in North Carolina.



J. Thomas Lundy