

Barbara A. Chester, Candidate for President-Elect

The Voice of Advocacy in a Challenging Future

I am proud to be an elementary principal! I have the honor and privilege of working in this profession to serve our children and communities. This awesome responsibility deserves an amazing support system that enables us to do this uniquely fulfilling job. NAESP provides the foundation upon which principals stand and our advocacy allows us to have a strong voice for our children and their future.

I am passionate in my commitment to serve children and to work to further strengthen our association to support principals in every corner of our country. I seek the position of president-elect of NAESP in order to focus my passion and commitment as we use our voice on Capitol Hill to create powerful, common-sense changes to policies that impact our children's lives and to openly embrace the challenges that lie ahead. As a current member of the NAESP Board of Directors, I have the knowledge, background, and experience, and a

strong foundation developed through our recent creation of Vision 2021, to meet those challenges.

Collectively, we stand poised on the edge of the most exciting and unique times in education. Seeking and welcoming the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, while standing firmly on the foundation of our visions and resolutions will be a hallmark of my leadership. Collaborative, inclusive outreach options to members throughout our country will enable our association to use its collective expertise to influence positive change. Through NAESP, I believe we can capitalize on our collective strengths and learn from our unique diversity, to create an environment where all children can access a strong and equitable education. In widely diverse communities, with the common focus of powerful learning opportunities for children, we can direct the winds of change. We can be the focal point of energy, challenge, and hope, with an open door to



all those individuals we serve.

I believe that NAESP is the pre-eminent voice for elementary and middle-level principals, with a mission of advocacy and leading our learning communities through Vision 2021. I believe this is the time to take the lead as the voice of advocacy, policy development, and establishment of common-sense parameters in accountability. As president-elect of NAESP I would seek those opportunities to advocate for improving the experiences and legislative decisions that impact our children's lives.

We are the hope, the leaders to whom our communities look for answers and, collectively, we are the light that shines brightly into a very challenging future. Our task is to stand on our firmly established foundation, take our place at the table as the voice of our profession, and to clearly articulate our vision and our beliefs.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve as president-elect of NAESP. I ask for your support and your vote for president-elect. Together we can create a bright future for our profession and for the children and communities we serve.

Barbara A. Chester

Principal, Cherry Park Elementary School, Portland, Oregon

Professional Experience: Principal, David Douglas School District, 1995-present — Principal, North Clackamas School District, 1989-1995 — Principal/Staff Development Director, Englewood School District, 1985-1989 — Principal, Federal Way School District, 1982-1985 — Elementary Teacher, Kent School District, 1974-1982

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1985-present (Key Contact, 2003-2005; Resolutions Committee, 2002-2005; Zone 9 Chair, 2002-2003; Standards Committee, 2001-2002; State Representative, 1997-2000) — OESPA, 1989-present (President, 2001-2002; Conference Committee, 2000-2001; Legislative Committee, 2000-2002; Regional President, 1996; Regional Representative, 1992-1995) — ASCD, 1985-present — Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, 1989-present — Colorado Association of School Executives, 1985-1989 — Association of Washington School Administrators, 1982-1985

Professional Honors: NW Regional National Distinguished Principal, 2005 — David Douglas School District Apple Award, 2005

Civic/Community Honors: Rose Festival, Kid's Community Service — Mayor's Award for Youth Service, City of Portland

Education: M.Ed., Education Administration, University of Washington, 1982; B.A., Elementary Education, College of Idaho, 1974

Thomas Sigafoos, Candidate for President-Elect

Principals Make a Difference Every Day!

Elementary and middle-level principals are the best hope for providing children with the richest educational experiences possible. Today we are faced with many issues that include, but are not limited to, high-stakes testing, principal shortages, expanding technology, school safety, ever-changing curricula, and mandates that are partially funded or not funded at all. It is important that we, as a profession and an association, remain strong and diligent advocates for the children in schools across America. For too long we have been on the defensive end of the media's negative portrayal of public education. With a new U.S. president and other elected officials, we must seize the opportunity to help the public see what is right and good in the world of public education. Additionally, we must provide the necessary support

for children, step forward to address the professional needs of staff, and continue to develop the strategic needs of our association.

Principals make a difference every day by providing the children they serve a quality educational experience. We must speak with a united voice for legislation to help bring about funding for important educational issues. We are the leading voice as we advocate for principals and the children in their schools. I strongly believe that NAESP is able to meet these challenges. We must maintain our commitment as an organization where excellence prevails as we face the challenges before us. The latest publication, *Leading Learning Communities*, provides our members with the direction necessary to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's principals.

I strongly believe that NAESP is a



“we” not “me” organization. We cannot meet the needs of children and our members without the strong support of everyone working together. It is only through the joint efforts of all members, at all levels, that we will continue to grow and expand the legacy that has been provided to us. The Vision 2021 strategic framework was created with a great deal of input from many NAESP members and provides an excellent road map to our future.

My experience serving on the NAESP Board of Directors and my 20 years as an educator have given me a wealth of knowledge and experience that I will use should I be elected to lead our organization. I will work hard to facilitate the collaboration among individual principals, the Board of Directors, NAESP staff, state affiliate leaders, and national educational alliances. I will always be committed to putting the needs of children and principals first while serving our association. I would be extremely proud to convey the stories of how my colleagues make a difference every day in the lives of the children in their schools.

It is with energy, experience, pride, and integrity that I aspire to serve my fellow colleagues as NAESP president-elect and I humbly ask for your vote.

Thomas Sigafoos

Principal, Maple Glen Elementary School, Maple Glen, Pennsylvania

Professional Experience: Principal, Maple Glen Elementary, 2007-present — Principal, Colonial School District, 1996-2007 — Director of Federal Programs, Colonial School District, 2003-2007 — Teacher, Stroudsburg Area School District, 1989-1996

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1996-present (State Representative, 2008-present and 2001-2005; Zone 2 Director, 2005-2008; Delegate Assembly, 1998-2008; National Leaders' Conference, 2001-2008; PALS Training, June 2008; NAESP Representative, European Council of International Schools, Nice, France, 2006; Federal Relations Conference, 2006; Credentials Committee, 2003-2004; Nominating Committee, 2001) — Northeast Region Elementary Principals Council, President, 2003-2004 — Pennsylvania Principals Conference Chair, 2005 — Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Representative, 1997-2001 — Colonial Educational Administrators, President, 2001-2003

Professional Honors: NAESP Outstanding Service Award, 2008 — Manchester Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, 2006 — PAESSP Distinguished Service as Conference Chairperson Award, 2005 — Who's Who Among Business Professionals, 2003 — Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1989

Civic/Community Honors: Committee Member, Plymouth Township, PA — Plymouth Township Environmental Advisory Board Member

Education: Ed.D. Candidate, Education Administration, Widener University; Superintendent Letter, Widener University, 2001; M.Ed., Education Administration, East Stroudsburg University, 1994; Reading Specialist Certificate, East Stroudsburg University, 1994; B.A., Elementary Education/English, Moravian College, 1989

ZONE 5

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky

John A. Ansman

Roberta B. Tully Elementary School
Louisville, Kentucky

"I am honored to be a candidate for NAESP Zone 5 director. As past-president of my local and state associations, I have served and represented principals. These experiences were both rewarding and opportunities for professional growth. Having represented my state as Federal Relations Coordinator and State Representative to NAESP, I have been provided with opportunities to serve and advocate for principals and education issues. As principal of two very different schools, I have the knowledge and understanding of issues facing urban and suburban principals. If elected as Zone 5 director, I would facilitate communications between NAESP and the state leaders of Zone 5. I have great admiration for these leaders and have developed effective personal and professional relationships with them. Finally, I am committed to the Vision 2021 goals as developed by NAESP and I will support and promote these goals at the local, zone, and national levels."



Professional Experience: Principal, Roberta B. Tully Elementary, 2005-present — Principal, Roosevelt-Perry Elementary, 1996-2005 — Resource Teacher, Van Hoose Education Center, 1995-1996 — Elementary Teacher, Hazelwood Elementary, 1987-1995

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 2000-present (State Representative, 2008-present; Federal Relations Coordinator, 2006-2008; National Leaders' Conference, 2005-2008; Delegate Assembly, 2005-2008) — KAESP, 1996-present (Past President, 2006-2007; President, 2005-2006; President-elect, 2004-2005; Summer Conference Planner, 2008; Fall Conference Planner, 2004-2005) — Jefferson County Association of Elementary School Principals, 1996-present (Past President, 2002-2003; President, 2001-2002; President-elect, 2000-2001) — Jefferson County Association of School Administrators, Elementary Principal Representative, 2000-2003

Professional Honors: Jefferson County Public School's (JCPS) Elementary Liaison, 2005-2008 — JCPS Elementary Principal of the Year, 2002

Civic/Community Honors: Jeffersontown Envision Revitalization, 2007-present — Lincoln Heritage Boy Scouts, 2006-present

Education: Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Spalding University, 2006; Rank I, Education Administration, University of Louisville, 1994; M.A., Elementary Curriculum, University of Louisville, 1992; B.S., Elementary Education, University of Louisville, 1986

Lisa I. Waller

Silver Creek Elementary School
Berea, Kentucky

"When I visit kindergarten, I tell students that I am their principal and assure them that I am here to keep them safe and make sure they are all learning. On my wall is a plaque that simply says, 'JOY.' These three commitments to children take me from the cafeteria tables to the state capital. Like you, I read Dr. Seuss in the mornings and have professional journals on my bedside table. Like you, I write thank-you notes to teachers and urgent messages to U.S. senators to promote joy, safety, and learning for all children. What a time this is for us to lead! The schools in Zone 5 face compelling challenges, but have great resources and strategies available. Each role I serve with KAESP or NAESP renews my commitment to children and principals who know the importance of guiding the child's crayon and the legislator's pen."



Professional Experience: Principal, Silver Creek Elementary, 2001-present — Special Education Teacher/Diagnostician, Hopkins County, KY, 1999-2001 — Special Education Teacher, Lebanon, TN, 1996-1999 — Elementary Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Reading Recovery Teacher, and Integrated Curriculum Developer, Plano, TX, 1986-1996 — Special Education Teacher, Franklin, TN, 1984-1986 — Elementary Teacher, Chattanooga, TN, 1981-1983

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 2001-present (Resolutions Committee, 2005-2008) — KAESP, 2001-present (President-elect, 2008-2009; Regional Rep., 2001-present) — Kentucky Association of School Councils, 2001-present — Kentucky Association of School Administrators, Board of Directors, 2004-2008 — ASCD, 2001-2007 — National Teachers of Mathematics, 2006-present — International Reading Association, 2001-2004

Professional Honors: Elementary Principal on State Mathematics Achievement Committee, 2008-2011 — ACS-CASI Audit Committee, 2008 — SACS-CASI Accreditation for Silver Creek Elementary, 2003-present — Madison County School District's Evaluations Committee, Reading Committee, Mathematics Committee, and Strategic Planning Committees, 2002-present — National Blue Ribbon School; co-author of application for Wells Elementary, 1993 — Ross Perot, Plano ISD Excellence in Teaching Award, 1990

Education: Ed.D. candidate, Eastern Kentucky University; Superintendent Certification, Eastern Kentucky University, 2007; Rank 1 Education Leadership, Murray State University, 2000; M.Ed., Special Education, Vanderbilt University, 1984; B.S., Elementary Education, Lipscomb University, 1981

ZONE 7

Alaska, Colorado
North Dakota, S

Kenny Jones

Parkside Elementary School
Powell, Wyoming

"Throughout my professional career, I have been blessed to work with people who understand the immense contribution education makes to our society. More than ever, this is a challenging time to be involved in public education. Education is on everyone's agenda, creating more demands for accountability while at the same time dealing with declining resources. It has never been more important for us to work together to make sure principals' voices are heard at the national level. As an officer for my state organization, I have worked hard to be an advocate for students and principals at the local, state, and national level. It is with energy, commitment, and integrity that I aspire to serve NAESP as Zone 7 director. If elected, it would be my privilege to work with zone and national leaders to uphold and promote the ideals and values of NAESP. I would be honored to serve you."



Professional Experience: Principal, Parkside Elementary, 1997-present — Interim Superintendent, Park County School District #1, Summer 2006 — Adjunct Faculty, Northwest College, 2003-2004 — Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Powell Middle School, 1994-1997 — Administrative Assistant, Sunflower Elementary, 1993-1994 — Fourth-Grade Teacher, Sunflower Elementary, 1987-1994 — Sixth-Grade Teacher, Rawhide Elementary, 1986-1987 — Fourth-Grade Teacher, Rawhide Elementary, 1983-1986

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1994-present (State Representative, 2003-present; Nominating Committee, 2005; ESEA task force, 2005-2006) — WAESP, 1994-present (State Representative, 2003; President, 2002-2003; Secretary, 1998-2001) — ASCD, 1992-present

Civic/Community Honors: DANO Youth Camp Board, 1999-present — Powell Recreation District Board, 1998-2007 (Chairman, 2001 and 2006) — Powell Athletic Roundtable Executive Board, 1994-2002 (President, 2000)

Education: M.A., Educational Administration, University of Wyoming, 1993; B.A., Elementary Education, University of Wyoming, 1982; A.A., Education, Central Wyoming College, 1980

Barbara K. Nagengast

Homestead Elementary School
Eagle River, Alaska

"Every day I am delighted to look into the shining eyes of the future! As principals, we work with and advocate for children so that they can grow into adulthood with the experiences and skills needed for success. With our interactive, global communities, we can reach out to other principals and make connections that inform and inspire us in order to create a preferred future for our students. NAESP is a powerful means to accomplish this. As Zone 7 director, I pledge to help make connections that allow our collective voices to be heard. Opportunities within the state of Alaska and with our congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., have allowed me to hone my leadership and advocacy skills. Born in Nebraska and raised in Montana, I have strong ties to our wonderful zone. I would be honored to serve NAESP and the members of Zone 7 as we continue to build the strength of the principalship."



Professional Experience: Principal, Homestead Elementary, 2007-present — Principal, Spring Hill Elementary, 1997-2007 — Principal, Rabbit Creek Elementary, 1996-1997 — Teacher, Anchorage, AK, 1990-1996 — Teacher, Juneau, AK, 1988-1990 — Teacher, Billings, MT, 1974-1978

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1996-present (Credentials Committee, 2008-2009; National Leaders' Conference, 2004-2008; Federal Relations Conference, 2004, 2009; Delegate Assembly, 2002, 2004-2008) — Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals, 1996-present (President, 2004-2006; President-elect 2003-2004; Secretary, 2000-2003) — Alaska Council of School Administrators Board, 2004-2008 (President, 2005-2006) — Anchorage Principals Association Board, 1998-present (Member Rights Co-Chair, 2001-present; Treasurer, 1998-2001)

Professional Honors: Alaska Association of School Librarians Principal Award, 2008 — Alaska PTA Excellence for Children Award, 1994

Civic/Community Honors: Susitna (Anchorage, AK) Council of Girl Scouts Principal Award, 1999

Education: Administrative Endorsement, University of Alaska-Anchorage, 1995; M.Ed., Elementary Curriculum, University of Alaska-Southeast, 1988; B.S., Montana State University, 1974

Paul L. Currie

Pinehurst Elementary School
Pinehurst, Idaho

"I am dedicated to the education profession and have been active in professional associations both as an administrator and as a teacher. The needs of students are best articulated by the education practitioners who have dedicated themselves to this noble calling. The role of associations in giving voice to these practitioners is critical to moving the profession forward in the service of students. The Vision 2021 process has resulted in NAESP embracing the role of advocacy. I support this focus on advocacy by the Association and would welcome the opportunity to participate in NAESP's increased emphasis on advocacy. There is need for redirection in education and there are significant opportunities to be a proponent for change in the present national setting. Principals have the tools to be active advocates and it would be an honor to be a part of this endeavor as Zone 9 director."



Professional Experience: Principal, Pinehurst Elementary, 1992-present — Fourth-Grade Teacher, Pinehurst Elementary, 1978-1992 — Fourth-Grade Teacher, Bremerhaven, Germany and Okinawa, Japan, 1974-1978 — Fourth-Grade Teacher, Highland Terrace Elementary, New Haven, Indiana, 1972-1974

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1992-present (State Leaders Vision 2021 Focus Group, 2007; National Leaders' Conference, 2007-2008) — Idaho Association of Elementary School Principals, 1992-present (State Representative, 2007-present; Region 1 Representative, 2003-2006; Region 1 President, 1996-1997) — Idaho Association of School Administrators, 1992-present (Professional Committee, Chairman and Member, 1997-2000; Legislative Committee, 2007-present; Membership Services Committee, 1994-1997) — West Shoshone Education Association, 1978-1992 — Idaho Education Association, 1978-1992 (Region 1 Representative, 1990-1992; Chair, Negotiations, Rights, and Research Standing Committee, 1986-1989) — National Education Association, 1978-1992

Civic/Community Honors: Community Bible Church of Pinehurst — Idaho Commission on the Arts Panel — Idaho Board of Education, Humanities Standards Committee

Education: M.S., Education Administration, Purdue University, 1974; B.A. History, Seattle Pacific University, 1972

Dwight D. Liddiard

East Meadows Elementary School
Spanish Fork, Utah

"I love being a principal! Even during these stressful, high-stakes times of our jobs, we are so lucky to be surrounded by excellent staff, great kids, and mostly supportive patrons. I can truly say that NAESP and its state and local affiliates have played an important role in my career. Through these associations I find amazing resources for networking, professional development, and political advocacy. Through their conferences, Web sites, magazines, and other publications, I find valuable tools that relate exclusively to my job. As a candidate for Zone 9 director, I pledge to work hard to continue the great work of our association and find ways to help principals enhance their skills to perform their duties effectively. I would be honored to represent the great states of Zone 9 and ensure that our western viewpoint is well represented on the board. Thanks for your support; I will work hard to serve you."



Professional Experience: Principal, East Meadows Elementary, 2006-2009 — Principal, Larsen Elementary, 1997-2006 — Principal, Park View Elementary, 1995-1996 — Curriculum Specialist, Nebo School District, 1992-1996, Teacher, Brockbank Elementary, 1984-1992

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 1996-present (Nominating Committee, 2008; Resolutions Committee Alternate, 2007-2008; Zone 9 Chair, 2007-2008; Zone 9 Chair-elect, 2006-2007; Nat'l Leaders' Conf., 2005-2008; Zone 9 Leaders' Conf., 2005-2008) — UAESP, 2005-present (State Rep., 2005-present; Secretary, 2003-2004; Student Council Conf. Committee and Co-Chair, 2002-2004; Nomination Committee, 2004; Newsletter/publication contributor, 2003-2009) — Nebo School Management Team, 1996-present (Executive Secretary, 2002-present; Elementary Representative, 1999-2002)

Professional Honors: UAESP District Distinguished Principal, 2003 — UEASP Instructional Leader of the Year, 2002 — Utah Reading Principal of the Year, 2001 — Utah Principal Academy Fellow, 1999-2000 — Center for the Improvement of Teacher Ed. and Schooling Cohort Participant, 1998-1999 — UAESP Rookie of the Year, 1997 — Utah Outstanding Title 1 Program, 1996 — Nebo District Teacher of the Year Finalist, 1990

Civic/Community Honors: Utah County 4-H Family of the Year, 2009 — Utah State Jr. Livestock Awards Chair, 1996-2009 — Board Member, 4-H Group; Leader for the Leland Livestock and Leader for Leland Equine, 1996-2009 — Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce Ed. Liaison, 1994-2003 — Spanish Fork City Fiesta Days Committee, 1999

Education: M.A., Education Leadership, Brigham Young University, 1991; B.A., Elementary Education, Brigham Young University 1984