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#### **Wyoming Principal Elected to National Education Association Board**

Alexandria, VA—June 11, 2009— Kenny Jones, principal of Parkside Elementary School in Powell, Wyoming, was recently elected to the 15-person board of directors of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in a nationwide election. Gail Connelly, NAESP's executive director, announced the results from the Association's headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

Jones begins his three-year term as director of Zone 7 on July 1, representing elementary and middle school principals in Alaska, Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

"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," Jones said. "It has never been more important for us to work together to make sure principals' voices are heard at the national level."

A member of NAESP since 1994, Jones has served on the nominating committee (2005) and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act taskforce (2005-2006), and has served as a state representative since 2003. He has been a member of the Wyoming Association of Elementary School Principals since 1994, serving as secretary from 1998 to 2001 and president in 2002. He has been affiliated with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development since 1992.

Jones began his education career as a fourth-grade teacher in 1983 at Rawhide Elementary, then taught sixth grade there for a year before joining the faculty at Sunflower Elementary as a fourth-grade teacher from 1987 to 1994. In 1993, he took the post of administrative assistant at Sunflower Elementary, then assistant principal/activities director at Powell Middle School in 1994, moving in 1997 to his present position as principal of Parkside Elementary.

He also served as interim superintendent at Park County School District #1 for the summer of 2006 and was an adjunct instructor at Northwest College (2003-2004).

Jones earned an M.A. in educational administration and a B.A. in elementary education from the University of Wyoming. He also holds an A.A. in education from Central Wyoming College. He received his K-12 education in Cody, Wyoming, graduating from Cody High School in 1978.

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Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) serves 28,000 elementary and middle school principals in the United States, Canada, and overseas. NAESP leads in the advocacy and support for elementary and middle-level principals and other education leaders in their commitment to all children.