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Utah Principal Elected to National Education Association Board

Alexandria, VA—June 11, 2009—Dwight D. Liddiard, principal of East Meadows Elementary School in Spanish Fork, Utah, 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.

Liddiard begins his three-year term as director of Zone 9 on July 1, representing elementary and middle school principals in American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

"I love being a principal! Even during these stressful, high-stakes times in our jobs, we are so lucky to be surrounded by excellent staff, great kids, and supportive patrons," Liddiard said. "Through NAESP and its state and local affiliates, I find amazing resources for networking, professional development, and political advocacy."

Liddiard has been a member of NAESP since 1996, holding a number of posts, including the Zone 9 Chair, and serving on the nominating and resolutions committees. In addition, he works with the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals (UAESP), serving as secretary in 2003-2004 and on the Student Council Conference and nominations committees, serving as a state representative since 2005, as well as contributing to the group's newsletter and publications.

He also has been affiliated with the Nebo School Management Team since 1996, and currently serves as its executive secretary.

Liddiard began his education career in 1984 as a teacher at Brockbank Elementary, and then became a curriculum specialist for the Nebo School District in 1992. Before assuming the principalship of East Meadows Elementary, a position he has held since 2006, he served as principal of Park View Elementary (1995-1996) and Larsen Elementary (1997-2006).

Liddiard was honored as UAESP District Distinguished Principal in 2003 and Instructional Leader of the Year in 2002; he was named Utah Reading Principal of the Year in 2001.

He holds a B.A. in elementary education and an M.A. in education leadership from Brigham Young University.

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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.