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#### **NATIONAL PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST J. MANNINO AS CEO OF FOUNDATION**

Alexandria, VA—July 22, 2008—The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) announced that veteran association executive, Ernest J. Mannino, has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the organization's Foundation.

NAESP Executive Director and Foundation President Gail Connelly expressed strong support for Mannino and said that the Board of Directors' decision was based on a number of factors, including his past experience as an associate executive director and as the Foundation's treasurer. "Ernie is poised to take the Association's Foundation to another level of significance, especially as we move toward providing more resources for the schools and principals that desperately need them," said Connelly.

The NAESP Foundation has worked since 1981 to promote and advance elementary and middle-level education by supporting and extending the work of NAESP and by incubating innovation, highlighting success, and connecting key stakeholders. As a central institutional contact, the Foundation CEO will facilitate the development of strategic, mutually beneficial partnerships between NAESP and individuals, corporations, and foundations.

"Principals deserve every available opportunity to make a difference in the schools that they serve," says Mannino. "I am excited to establish a resource base that will provide an opportunity for professional development and programs, which would be otherwise unavailable to our members."

Mannino has held several leadership positions during his tenure at NAESP, including directing the National Principals Resource Center and NAESP's Convention. Mannino also has held positions with the Montgomery County, Maryland Public Schools, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals.

"Ernie highly values the important role of the principal," says NAESP President Nancy Davenport. "He is eager to develop relationships that will enrich the work of the NAESP Foundation on behalf of school leaders."

Mannino is a member of the Virginia Society of Association Executives and holds a bachelor's degree in education from Westfield State College.

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Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) serves 30,000 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.