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### VIRGINIA PRINCIPAL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 25, 2007—Nancy M. Davenport, principal of Kingston Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, was recently elected president-elect of the 15-member board of directors for the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Gail Connelly, NAESP's executive director, announced the nationwide election results from the association's headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Davenport will begin as president-elect on July 1, and will assume the office of president one year later.

"I believe principals make a significant difference in the quality of education for children in our schools," says Davenport. "Knowing the importance of our work as principals and having a strong loyalty to NAESP, I am honored to work tirelessly to develop collaborative relationships and to encourage the involvement of all our members."

Davenport has been a member of NAESP since 1986, and since 2004 has served as director of Zone 3, representing elementary and middle school principals from Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia. Her other activities include serving on the Read Aloud Award Book Committee; participating in the Principals Advisory Leadership Services (PALS) Steering Committee and in the first cohort of certified PALS mentors; and serving as a convention delegate.

Davenport has held leadership positions as a member of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP), receiving the VAESP Distinguished Service Award in 2003. She was VAESP president in 2002 and had previously served as a state zone director and legislative chairperson. Davenport was president of the Virginia State Reading Association in 1993. Currently, she is a member of the Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)

for the Virginia Board of Education. She has been a member of ABTEL for the past five years and has served as vice chairperson since 2004.

Davenport spent seven years as an elementary school teacher and eight years as a reading specialist before she became an assistant principal in 1986. Davenport was named the 1996 Administrator of the Year by the Virginia Beach Reading Council. Kingston Elementary School, where she has been principal since 1994, was a Blue Ribbon School in 1990 and 1997, and was awarded the Phoebe Apperson Hearst National PTA Excellence in Education Award in 2004.

Davenport earned a B.S. from James Madison University, an M.S. and C.A.S. from Old Dominion University, and an Ed.D. from Vanderbilt University.

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Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals 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.