

Tanya Patricia Jones



Woodall School
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

"It would be my great honor to serve as your NAESP Zone 8 Director. As the leader of a pre-K-8 school, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board, encompassing both an

elementary and middle school point of view. As the Federal Relations Coordinator for Oklahoma, I have had an active role in shaping the lives of Oklahoma's children. I look forward to leading and advocating for education in a broader capacity at the board level. I believe that relationships are the most important aspect of our work and the foundation of my professional code. Families, students, teachers, state-elected officials, and national leaders are all keys to a successful school experience. We cannot afford to lose any one of these vital connections and endanger the future of a child in our care. If elected, I pledge to keep those relationships strong for Zone 8 principals."

Professional Experience: Principal, Woodall School, 2009-present — Principal, Cherokee Elementary School, 2006-2009 — Assistant Principal, Central Elementary School, 2004-2006 — Parent Liaison, Tahlequah Public Schools, 2003-2004 — Teacher, Keys Public Schools, 1995-2003

Professional Affiliations: NAESP, 2003-present (Delegate Assembly, 2009-2010; Federal Relations Conference, 2010-2011; National Leaders Conference, 2009-2010) — CCOSA/OAESP, 2003-present (OAESP Federal Relations Coordinator, 2009-present; OK District 9B Representative, 2008-2009; Standing Committee Chair of Legislation and Advocacy, 2009-present) — OEA/NEA, 1996-2003 (Chapter President, 2002-2003)

Professional Honors: Great Expectations Model School Principal, 2009 — Oklahoma Principal's Academy Graduate/Mentor, 2007-2009 — Tahlequah Public Schools Administrator of the Year, 2007-2008 — OAESP Grant Award Winner, 2008, 2009 — Kappa Delta Pi Educator Presenter Award, 2006

Civic/Community Honors: Northeastern State University 2nd Century Advisory Council for the College of Education, 2009-present — Cherokee County Child Abuse Task Force, 2003-2007 — Oklahoma Principal's Academy Mentor, 2008-2009

Education: M.A., School Administration, Northeastern State University, 2001 — B.S., Education, Northeastern State University, 1995