



Dear NAESP Member,

“Until we get equality in education, we won't have an equal society.” Sonia Sotomayor

I have spent my career advocating for equity in education. My involvement in NAESP has provided me with a platform to advocate nationwide. As Vice President, I will work towards equity and access for all students, collaborating with colleagues to support principals in facing our challenges.

As the next NAESP Vice President my goals are:

- To ***continue to advocate for equity and access*** by identifying policies that contribute to systemic racism. We should pursue an understanding of why opportunities and outcomes differ along racial lines, and then work together to reform them. Advocating at the federal level for equitable and sufficient funding for all, can make a huge impact on educational outcomes.
- To ***expand social emotional programs***. We need to educate the whole child and acknowledge the pressures our students have both in and out of school. We must create learning communities that serve all students. In *Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain*, Zaretta Hammond writes that academic struggles are often attributed to a “culture of poverty”, but the real reason for these struggles is the “failure to offer learners sufficient opportunities in the classroom to develop the skills and habits of mind needed to prepare them for more advanced academic tasks.” SEL provides a foundation for safe and positive learning, and enhances students' ability to succeed. SEL needs to be an ongoing priority for NAESP.
- To continue to ***increase, advance, nurture, and sustain an inclusive membership at NAESP that values differences***, all backgrounds, experiences, and represents the unique experiences, perspectives and viewpoints of the communities we serve.

It would be an honor to serve as your Vice President and work together to advance these important educational issues.

Sincerely,

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