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Dear NAESP Members,

As the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Association of Elementary School Principals (OAESP), I am honored to recommend Julie Bloss for the position of NAESP Vice President. I first met Julie in 2012, with the OAESP selection committee, during our site visit for OAESP Administrator of the Year and NAESP National Distinguished Principal. I specifically remember this event because from the moment we walked into Julie's school, we knew we were in a magical place for students, teachers and families. The feelings that we left with that day were ones of joy, optimism and passion for what can be possible in our public schools with outstanding leadership.

Julie possesses vast experiences as an elementary school teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, and adjunct instructor. She currently serves as chairperson for the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA) Executive Board, past president of OAESP and as a member of our State Superintendent's Principal Advisory Board. Her many honors include: NAESP National Distinguished Principal (2012), Professional Oklahoma Educators Administrator of the Year finalist (2015) and Professional Oklahoma Educators School of Character Award (2014). Julie has also been recognized by the Grove Education Foundation for Excellence as a Shining Star Finalist in 2018.

Julie possesses a thorough knowledge base regarding issues impacting principal leadership which is reflected through her work with NAESP in the revision of *Leading Pre-K-3 Learning Communities*. She continues to develop strong positive relationships with educators across the United States through her vibrant social media presence and as a member of the Scholastic Book Fair Advisory Board. I cannot think of anyone who I respect and trust more than Julie. She is a creative and committed leader who demonstrates daily her ability to serve as NAESP Vice President.

Respectfully,
Dr. Gracie Branch
Executive Director, OAESP