Dear NAESP Member,

Do you think a principal can ever have too much support? I haven't met a principal yet who has answered no. I am grateful for my NAESP membership, and the ways that our organization advocates for me, increases my opportunities for quality professional development and connects me with educators that I can call upon any time. Throughout my career, I have seen the role of principals evolve and our plate of responsibilities fill to the brim. It is my strong belief that in order for principals to be successful, they cannot lead alone...but instead lead with the power of 20,000 members strong!

If selected to serve as Vice-President, I will use this pivotal opportunity to advance our organization forward by focusing on several key issues that are on our profession's forefront:

- Advocate for increased services to assist students and families in need of mental health support

- Lead conversations about school safety and how we as an organization can assist elementary school students, sites and staff in being safeguarded

- Analyze membership data to provide professional learning opportunities with diversified formats and topics to meet membership interests and needs

Joining NAESP eighteen years ago began an incredible journey of principal leadership from being named a National Distinguished Principal to *Leading Pre-K3 Learning Communities.* Presently, I serve as an Editorial Advisor for Principal Magazine and as a member of the NAESP Professional Learning Advisory Committee. My affiliation with NAESP provides me with unimaginable opportunities. However, the most impactful and meaningful part of my membership is connecting with other principals. Leading and learning alongside principals from across the country is an unbelievable honor. The opportunity to serve as your Vice President is truly humbling and I look forward to continuing the ongoing efforts of NAESP to be a positive force in the life of every school principal.

Sincerely,

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