



Dear NAESP Member,

My leadership journey includes 19 years as an active, engaged member of NAESP. I have served NAESP on the Membership Committee, Nominating Committee, as Federal Relations Coordinator and State Representative, and the last 3 years as the Zone 6 Director on the NAESP Board of Directors. I am honored and humbled that my colleagues in Iowa and across Zone 6 have trusted me with these amazing leadership opportunities.

I have a strong commitment to NAESP, the principalship, and understand the importance of an effective NAESP presence at the national level. We must continue to raise the volume of the elementary and middle level principal voices in the conversation about reforming and refining the agenda for public education. As a member of the NAESP Leadership Team, I promise to lead with an energy and passion that is focused on taking care of our profession, supporting the needs of principals, enlarging our circle of influence, and doing what is right for kids – always.

I personally want to see the development of highly effective leaders who:

- aren't afraid to fail and see mistakes as an opportunity to learn;
- maintain composure in difficult situations and circumstances;
- build strong relationships;
- work hard to build teams who think beyond themselves and embrace a common vision and mission;
- communicate effectively;
- maintain a positive work-life balance; and finally,
- stay connected to the people they serve!

As an organization we must continue to develop and support principals across this nation and advocate for a common-sense approach to leading schools. I commit to partnering with the NAESP Board of Directors to build more effective principal coalitions across our nation, serve as a leading voice for elementary and middle level principals, and protect the promise of a quality public education for all, in a profession where ***kids really do come first!***

I would be honored to serve as the next Vice-President of NAESP.

Sincerely,

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