Dear NAESP Member,

I am fortunate. For 16 years, I enjoyed opportunities to connect with state and national leaders advocating for positive change in education. I have been privileged to be in national leadership positions where I could speak on behalf of principals as a member of the NAESP Board of Directors.

Meeting the multitude of changing demands in education and doing what is right by our children is a delicate balance. Principals play a critical role creating and maintaining necessary conditions for a quality school environment. These include positive relationships, instructional innovation, academic success, a healthy school climate, effective school management, and leadership opportunities for others. Our voices must be heard if we are to create schools where every child gets our best every day. I will seek out your ideas, concerns, celebrations and heartaches with the aim of creating new and innovative solutions to everyday issues. I want to hear your ideas so I can support your work as a principal. Your stories matter!

Students should always come first. My involvement with NAESP has given me many opportunities to advocate on behalf of my principal colleagues and the students we serve. NAESP is a driving force for principals and we must increase membership and enlarge our circle of influence! We must turn up the volume of your voices – our voices - to successfully create common sense change for our children, our schools, and the principals who lead them.

NAESP is a premier voice for elementary and middle level principals. I am committed to working with current leaders of NAESP and you, to build and defend a quality public education system for all.

Yes, it’s true. I am fortunate. And I would be honored and humbled to continue this awesome journey as your next NAESP Vice-President.

Sincerely,

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