Dear NAESP Members,

First of all, I would like to thank the NAESP Nominating Committee for granting me the opportunity of candidacy for NAESP Vice President. It is one that I am both honored and humbled to receive. Moreover, it is one that I take very seriously!

Through my service with the Tennessee Principals Association and NAESP Board of Directors, I have learned the value of collaboration and the importance of having a collective voice. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that our nation’s principals join together as a unified force. In order to continue to meet the demands of the communities we serve, principals need to know that their professional organization is a strong, powerful advocate for them as they serve on the frontline of America’s schools.

As a parent of two beautiful girls, I am compelled to continue to help make their educational experiences exemplary ones. My youngest daughter is a living example of how early intervention, parental support, and appropriately funded special education can provide an equitable educational experience for an intellectually disabled child. This, along with other personal and professional experiences, has taught me the importance of working with stakeholders for the advancement of all students.

J.K. Rowling stated, “We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.” In order to reach the unity needed in our profession, it is imperative that our nation’s principals work together for the betterment of the profession and our schools. If given the chance to serve as an executive officer on the NAESP board, I am committed to continue leveraging principal leadership through intentional collaboration and advocacy efforts that promote the principalship. For these reasons, I humbly seek your vote for NAESP Vice President.

Sincerely,

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