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ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 10, 2008—Louis Della Barca, principal of C.J. Davenport School in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, was recently elected to the 15-person Board of Directors of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in a nationwide election. Gail Connelly, NAESP’s executive director, announced the results from the association’s headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

Della Barca begins his three-year term as director of Zone 2 on July 1, representing elementary and middle school principals in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

“Having served as a leader at the local, county, and state level, I have been able to advocate for my colleagues and for all children,” says Della Barca. “I look forward to now being a voice at the national level to advocate for increased professional development funds, to share our association’s concerns, and to strengthen NAESP’s role in legislation and resources.”

Della Barca has been a member of NAESP since 1984 and been a member of the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association since 1985.

Della Barca began his education career as a teacher in 1965 and became a principal in 1976. He was named a National Distinguished Principal in 2006 and New Jersey’s Principal of the Year in 2002.

He received his B.A. from Trenton State College and his M.A. from Newark State College.

Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) serves nearly 30,000 elementary and middle school principals nationwide, in Canada, and overseas. NAESP leads in the advocacy and support for elementary and middle-level principals and other education leaders in their commitment to all children.