



Dear NAESP Member,

As educators we help mold the future by ensuring our students are highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success. As principals, we provide encouragement, inspiration and leadership for our students, staff, and communities and advocate for their needs. Yet, there is a strong need in our profession for principals to be provided with encouragement, inspiration and support.

If elected to serve as Vice-President of NAESP, I will work to represent all members as we build upon the forward-thinking ideas of administrators and advocate for the children we serve. It would be my pleasure to support NAESP as we move forward and focus on key issues that are relevant to our profession:

- Focus on barriers to student success that are greatly impacting schools, such as poverty, mental health challenges, and lack of resources
- Advocate for change in educational policy and public funding
- Support principals as we work to ensure students have access to the best possible education
- Develop and maintain high professional standards and leadership among administrators
- Increase diversity within NAESP and across schools throughout the United States to better reflect the diversity in our communities

While the responsibilities of administrators are ever-changing, our commitment to education remains steadfast. NAESP and our state affiliates seek to provide guidance and support, within our profession, while promoting the professional growth, status and welfare of administrators based on the highest standards of knowledge, expertise, and trust. After 30 years in education, being a member of both NAESP and OAESA has been one of the most meaningful and impactful decisions I have ever made. It has provided opportunities to be directly on the pulse of our nation's dedication to educating children.

It would be my distinct honor and privilege to serve and advocate for our profession as the next Vice-President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Sincerely,

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