



Dear NAESP Member,

Dr. Anthony Muhammad defines a liberation mindset as one that, “involves an unwavering commitment to a set of collective beliefs and actions rooted in the goal of achieving high levels of academic and social success for all students despite internal and external barriers.”

If selected to serve as the Vice President of NAESP, these are the actions I would undertake as we move our organization through the current pandemic and its residual effects using a liberation mindset:

- Advocate at the local, state, and national levels for funding for technological tools, internet access, and professional development to ensure success for all students in times of emergency.
- Continue the push for increased SEL training, support, and staff to ensure students and staff who are experiencing stressful and difficult times will have the resources necessary to provide quality support.
- Continue to find ways to increase membership in NAESP, identify underrepresented demographics, and perform an analysis to determine the causes for underrepresented groups.
- Identify resources for principals and districts to fund continued membership and training opportunities with NAESP in the anticipated economic shortfall caused by the global pandemic.

Joining NAESP has been the best decision I have made for my professional and personal growth as an educator. Through the fellowship of NAESP, I have built a group of colleagues and friends I’m able to call on for support and advice. Through great conversations and professional development, we are better prepared to provide our staff and students with the leadership they deserve during these trying times.

It would be my honor to continue in the footsteps of the officers before me to advocate for education and be a servant leader to the most honorable profession in the world. Thank you for the opportunity to be a candidate for Vice-President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Sincerely,

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