



Dear NAESP Member,

Every day, as educators we work to ensure our students are safe, cared for, engaged in learning, and empowered for success by urgently advocating for the needs of our students, families, teachers, and other school personnel. Principals constantly provide encouragement, inspiration and leadership for our students, our staff, and our communities with little thought given to our own needs.

If elected to serve as Vice-President of NAESP, I will work diligently to represent all members by building upon the forward-thinking ideas of administrators and advocating for the children we serve and for ourselves. It would be my pleasure to support NAESP as we move forward and focus on some key issues 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 at the local, state, and federal levels
- Support principals as we work to hire and retain the best teachers
- Develop and maintain high professional standards and leadership among administrators
- Increase the focus on self-care for principals

Even with ever-changing responsibilities, administrators' commitment to education remains steadfast. NAESP and our state affiliates provide guidance and support, and promote the professional growth, status, and welfare of administrators. Being a member of OAESA and NAESP and serving as NAESP Zone 3 Director from 2019-2022 have been instrumental in my growth as an educator, even after 32 years in the profession.

NAESP provides us opportunities to be directly on the pulse of our nation's dedication to educating children; and being able to advocate for our profession and those we serve as the next Vice-President of NAESP would be my distinct honor and privilege.

Sincerely,

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