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Dear NAESP Members:

It is my honor to write this letter in support of April Knight for NAESP Vice-President. I have had the privilege to work with April in multiple capacities throughout the last six years, and, as a result, I can personally attest to her unwavering commitment to her students, to OAESA and NAESP, and to the profession.

April is a dedicated servant leader who has made it her life's work to remove barriers in order to ensure that the students in her care experience academic success. April serves as principal within Ohio's largest school district, Columbus City Schools. She successfully leads one of the district's most economically disadvantaged schools in the system.

Each day, April works tirelessly to nurture and grow her students by developing deeply trusting and caring relationships with all internal and external stakeholders. She meets students' academic, physical, and social-emotional needs by advocating for and securing essential resources on their behalf. Because of April's ability to successfully champion Ohio's most underserved students, she is uniquely positioned to lead the continued work of NAESP's recently formed National Task Force on Race and Equity.

Furthermore, April possesses an unparalleled work ethic, as well as a deep passion and dedication to the profession. She has served as an active and engaged leader for NAESP, OAESA, and the Columbus Administrators Association (CAA), which is her local administrators' organization in Columbus, Ohio.

Perhaps more than anything, it is April's humble and unassuming approach that makes her such a powerful, high-impact leader. Students, teachers, and fellow principals feel a sense of true compassion and support in her presence. She radiates the core values that she ascribes to in her daily professional practice, while continuously elevating those around her to levels of achievement that they once thought unattainable. Thus, I enthusiastically recommend April Knight as the ideal candidate for NAESP vice-president.

Sincerely,

Dr. Becky Hornberger
OAESA Executive Director