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Executive Director

Dear NAESP Members:

I am the executive director of SAANYS, the New York affiliate of NAESP. I am writing in support of Tom Payton for the position of NAESP Vice President.

I have known Tom Payton for fifteen years. I have worked with him as president of his local unit of school administrators, as New York State Representative to NAESP, as a member of the SAANYS statewide Board of Directors, and later as a member of the NAESP Board of Directors. He could not have attained the leadership positions that he did without having earned the respect of his fellow professional educators that know him best.

As a local unit leader, Tom advocated for principal salaries, benefits and due process rights. He also coordinated the principals' position on professional learning and curricula development with the district. As a SAANYS board member, Tom assumed a key role in the development of SAANYS policies and advocated for educators on the state level. As the state representative to NAESP, and later as a member of its board, Tom represented elementary principals on the national level in the halls of Congress and as a member of the NAESP Race and Equity Task Force.

Tom has broad professional experience as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in large, urban and smaller suburban districts in both the western and eastern United States. He has demonstrated competence and commitment in a variety of responsible roles over the course of years. He is an outstanding individual.

SAANYS enthusiastically supports Tom Payton for the position of NAESP vice president. I truly believe that he would serve the members of NAESP, and the organization itself, in an exemplary fashion.

Sincerely,

Kevin Casey
Executive Director