

National Association of Elementary School Principals

Serving All Elementary and Middle-Level Principals

Dear NAESP Member,

Nelson Mandela spoke to the transformative power of education when he stated, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." As principals, we are the primary catalyst for creating a positive learning environment where all students can build a firm foundation for success. Thank you for being willing to serve your school and your community in such a powerful way!

If selected as the Vice President of NAESP, I commit to supporting, empowering, and connecting with NAESP members through the following actions:

- <u>Support</u>: Supporting state level organizations' success as they grow their NAESP membership base; Advocating on behalf of our principals on Capitol Hill
- <u>Empower</u>: Identifying challenges that principals face and providing guidance and professional development to increase principals' confidence to courageously lead their school communities (though professional learning opportunities, publications, on-line NAESP resources)
- <u>Connect</u>: Recognizing and sharing best practices from each state organization so that we
 continue to refine our craft as both building level administrators and as leaders in our national/
 state organization

One of the best decisions I made when I began my administrative career 19 years ago was to join NAESP. NAESP's meaningful support, empowerment, and connection has contributed to my growth and success as a school leader.

I was fortunate to serve as the Zone 4 Director of NAESP from 2019-2022, which allowed me the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of how NAESP provides the supports necessary for leaders to grow to their fullest potential.

It would be an honor to serve as the Vice President of NAESP - to provide support, empowerment, and connection for the NAESP principals that serve our amazing country.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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