



National Association of Elementary School Principals

Serving All Elementary and Middle-Level Principals

Dear NAESP Member,

I am applying for the Vice President position of NAESP in order to serve principals through strengthening connections, encouraging leaders, and providing ongoing advocacy for the principal role and education as a profession. Through serving on the NAESP Board of Directors, I have seen the benefits of connections beyond our local spaces. Advocacy for professions in education has become increasingly important and I am committed to honoring and building upon the work of leaders prior to me in making a difference for our principals and their communities.

One of the primary reasons I have stayed in the profession is due to my involvement with state and national colleagues. It is well known that having a high quality principal directly impacts the effectiveness of the schools they lead. Connecting with top notch leaders has brought awareness, increased best practices, and provided support and innovative ideas to my school, district, and state. I will continue to build strong connections across NAESP. We are better together!

Principals are navigating increasing challenges in our communities. There is a critical need for leaders who can provide a voice of hope and unity. NAESP's executive board members serve in the profession and walk alongside the membership, providing a unique perspective and capacity for sharing light with colleagues. I will focus on authentic encouragement of those "in the trenches" of the Principalship.

I have grown in my advocacy for issues impacting education and associated funding. It is critical to create relationships with legislators and other leaders beyond education to support our communities. A colleague reminded me, "If not us, then who?" challenging me to maximize the platform and influence that I have the space to serve in. As the Vice President of NAESP, I will represent the organization confidently and elevate the voices of principals across the nation in order to impact our profession positively.

Sincerely,

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