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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Jack R. Smith, Ph.D. 

DATE: September 22, 2015

SUBJECT: MASSP Middle and High School Principals of the Year for 2015
MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year for 2015

PURPOSE:

To provide State Board recognition of the individuals selected by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals to represent Maryland as Principal of the Year at the middle and high school level, and the Assistant Principal of the Year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) in collaboration with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) selects a Principal of the Year who represents Maryland in Washington D.C. at the national awards ceremonies.

MASSP's 2015 Middle School Principal of the Year is Dr. Monifa McKnight from Ridgeview Middle School in Montgomery County. Dr. McKnight has served as the principal of Ridgeview Middle School in Montgomery County Public Schools since 2011. Since the beginning of her tenure, she has been determined to create the best learning experience for every child, every day who walks through the doors of RMS. Her vision of excellence has come alive at Ridgeview as she lives by the quote of Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." These words come alive in her work and expectations for all who touch the lives of the students at Ridgeview Middle School.

MASSP's 2015 High School Principal of the Year is John Baugher from Francis Scott Key High School in Carroll County. He graduated 1991 from Salisbury University with a degree in History and secondary certification in Social Studies. John taught Social Studies at Francis Scott Key High School from 1991-2006.

The 2015-2016 MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year will be selected on Friday, September 18 and the name was not available for inclusion in this memo. The name of the individual will be provided during the Board Meeting and the individual will take part in the recognition ceremony with the State Board of Education.

Recipients' profiles attached.

ACTION:

Public recognition. No other action required.

Attachments

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Recognize

John Baugher

In honor of your selection as the Maryland 2015 High School Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. We recognize the outstanding leadership you have provided and celebrate the significant contributions you have made to educating Maryland's children. We join with all Marylanders in extending congratulations on your exceptional accomplishments.

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Recognize

Dr. Monifa McKnight

In honor of your selection as the Maryland 2015 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. We recognize the outstanding leadership you have provided and celebrate the significant contributions you have made to educating Maryland's children. We join with all Marylanders in extending congratulations on your exceptional accomplishments.

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Recognize

Dr. Ashanti Foster

In honor of your selection as the Maryland 2015 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. We recognize the outstanding leadership you have provided and celebrate the significant contributions you have made to educating Maryland's children. We join with all Marylanders in extending congratulations on your exceptional accomplishments.

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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Jack R. Smith, Ph.D. 
DATE: September 22, 2015
SUBJECT: MAESP 2015 National Distinguished Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year

PURPOSE:

To provide State Board recognition of the individuals selected by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) to represent Maryland as the 2015 National Distinguished Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year at the elementary school level.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year MAESP, in collaboration with NAESP, selects a National Distinguished Principal who represents Maryland in Washington, D.C. at the NDP Awards Ceremony. The NDP for 2015 is Mrs. Carol Hahn, Principal at Bellows Springs Elementary School in Howard County.

MAESP's Assistant Principal of the Year for 2015, Mr. Matthew Wagner, was the Assistant Principal last year at Lincolnshire Elementary school in Washington County. He was recognized in April at the MAESP Annual Conference. Mr. Wagner is currently the Principal at Boonsboro Elementary School in Washington County.

Recipients' profiles attached.

ACTION:

Public recognition. No other action required.

Attachments
Carol Hahn (I)
Matthew Wagner (II)

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Recognize

Matthew Wagner

In honor of your selection as the Maryland 2015 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals. We recognize the outstanding leadership you have provided and celebrate the significant contributions you have made to educating Maryland's children. We join with all Marylanders in extending congratulations on your exceptional accomplishments.

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Carol Hahn

In honor of your selection as the 2015 National Distinguished Principal by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals. We recognize the outstanding leadership you have provided and celebrate the significant contributions you have made to educating Maryland's children. We join with all Marylanders in extending congratulations on your exceptional accomplishments.

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