



MINNESOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

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MESPA State Officer Candidate Profile



Name and position: Dawn Brown, Principal, Washington Learning Center

MESPA Division: Southwest

Running for: NAESP State Representative

Past MESPA leadership positions held:

Position: Legislative Resolutions Committee Chair date of involvement: 2015-Present

My vision for the MESPA NAESP State Representative position is:

My vision for MESPA NAESP State Representative is to serve as the liaison between our state and national organizations as well as being a resource for principals in MESPA. I would support our MESPA leaders and association and contribute to the mission of MESPA. As State Representative I would support early career principals. I will represent our diverse voices by listening, building relationships and working on the behalf of MN principals. Our messages of educational success need to be heard in our communities and nationally and I will share our stories at the national level.

I should be selected as a candidate for MESPA NAESP State Representative because:

My leadership journey includes 14 years as an active member of MESPA and NAESP. I have served MESPA as the Legislative Resolutions Chair for 5 years, and Zone 7 Resolutions Representative for 1.5 years, and was a MESPA Institute Co-Chair in 2015.

It would be a great honor to represent the principals of MN as the State NAESP Representative. I have a strong commitment to the principalship, MESPA and NAESP and understand the importance of representing Minnesota at the national level. I would continue to build relationships with principals, be their collective voice and communicate the important state and national topics in regards to reforming and refining the agenda for public education. I will use my knowledge and experience as a 14 year principal, including 10 years as a PreK-K-12 principal, to share our vision, mission and needs with NAESP. As your Legislative Resolutions Chair for the past 4 years I have been committed to working closely with MESPA in developing our priorities and taking them to Washington D.C. and sharing the message with our state representatives. The following are some of the accomplishments we have seen:



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- Providing opportunities for principals to have a focused visit to the MN State Capitol
- Support for principal professional development
- Support for all day, every day kindergarten
- Improvements in the TRA plan
- Increased funding for Title IV
- Link to MESPA members to feature the Legislative Resolutions webpage
- Updating the MESPA website to include information and links to state political representatives
- Appropriate statute language regarding school discipline

As a Legislative Committee Representative at both MESPA and NAESP I have been on visits to Capitol Hill and have met with our representatives to address the following:

- Title I
- Title II (last 2 administrative budgets called to eliminate this, but it has been preserved for the next two years)
- Title IV (increase of \$700 Million)
- IDEA
- Preschool Development Grants (\$250 million provided)
- Vouchers - NAESP lobbied to beat back that proposal

I look forward to continuing to serve the MESPA membership and the state of Minnesota.