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**New Ulm Principal, Dawn Brown,
Elected MESPA NAESP State Representative**



Dawn Brown
(jpeg of photo attached to this media release)

(Roseville, MN – March 27, 2019) – Dawn Brown, principal of Washington Learning Center in New Ulm Public Schools, was elected by her peers to serve as NAESP State Representative for the Minnesota Elementary School Principal’s Association (MESPA). She will be the voice of Minnesota’s elementary and middle level principals to the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), with a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2019 and running through June 30, 2022.

The Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association strives to be the premier leadership resource for elementary and middle-level principals and a strong leading voice for public education. MESPA is committed to ensuring a high quality of education for all children through strengthening and enhancing the principal’s role as educational leader in our schools. MESPA currently serves more than 1,000 principals and has represented Minnesota principals since 1950. MESPA is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and its 20,000 members nationwide.

“We are thrilled that Dawn Brown has been elected as the NAESP State Representative of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association,” said Jon Millerhagen, MESPA Executive Director. “Principal Brown currently leads MESPA's Legislative Resolutions Committee, which shapes MESPA’s legislative priorities each year and advocates for Minnesota principals and policies that benefit Minnesota students and schools. Dawn has done a great job making sure legislators take into account the needs of Minnesota’s school leaders when drafting policy and deciding funding priorities. Dawn is a knowledgeable, persuasive leader who always goes the extra mile for students. We look forward to seeing where Dawn will lead MESPA.”

In her campaign speech at MESPA’s annual conference, Brown said, “I have a strong commitment to the principalship, MESPA, and NAESP and understand the importance of representing Minnesota at the national level. I am committed to working closely with MESPA and NAESP and being a resource and liaison to members of our association.”

In her candidate statement, Brown wrote, “I will represent our diverse voices by listening, building relationships, and working on behalf of Minnesota principals. Our messages of educational success need to be heard in our communities and nationally. I will share our stories at the national level.”

Brown became an elementary principal in 2005 at Cleveland Public School in Cleveland, MN. She has been the principal of Washington Learning Center in New Ulm, MN since 2016. She holds a Master of Science, Principal Licensure, Superintendent Licensure, and Community Education Licensure from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She currently serves as Chair of the MESPA Legislative Resolutions Committee, and as NAESP Zone 7 Federal Relations Coordinator.

Brown joins the elected statewide MESPA Executive Committee effective July 1, 2019. This committee also includes:

Eric Skanson, President (ROCORI);
Jason Luksik, President-Elect (Bemidji);
Jen Olson, Secretary-Treasurer (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted);
Nancy Antoine, Past President (Northfield)

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MESPA's Purpose:

Improve education for Minnesota students through collaboration and advocacy; **Unite** current, past, and future licensed elementary and middle-level principals; **Encourage** and support a cooperative relationship between MESPA and other state/national organizations; **Advocate** for the professional, ethical, economic, and social welfare of its members.