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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Bemidji Principal, Jason Luksik,  
Elected MESPA President-Elect**



*Jason Luksik*  
(jpeg of photo attached to this media release)

*(Roseville, MN – March 27, 2019)* – Jason Luksik, principal of Lincoln Elementary in Bemidji Area Schools, was elected by his peers to serve as President-Elect of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA) in a statewide election. He will assume this responsibility on July 1, 2019, and serve a two-year term as President-Elect, followed by a two-year term as MESPA President, and a one-year term as Past-President.

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 an 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 Jason Luksik has been elected as the President-Elect of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association,” said Jon Millerhagen, MESPA Executive Director. “Principal Luksik leads MESPA's Mental Health Design Team, which has yielded cutting-edge professional development for principals and school districts across Minnesota. Jason has also served as president of MESPA’s Northern division, engaging northern Minnesota principals in local professional development and networking. Jason is an energetic, thoughtful leader who has high standards in everything that he does. We look forward to seeing where Jason will lead MESPA.”

In his campaign speech at MESPA’s annual conference, Luksik said, “As a leader of MESPA, I want to look at the vision of what I can do to help you be successful for your students. I look forward to being a leader of MESPA. I also want to make sure to grow the professional development that is available to us and make sure that you get as much as you can to take back to your schools and help make them successful. I want to believe in you, I want to believe that I can make you a better principal by showing leadership and making MESPA as good as it can be. I believe in you, I believe in the students, I believe in the staff that we take care of, and I believe in the communities that we serve.”

In his candidate statement, Luksik wrote, “I am passionate about building MESPA as a resource for our principals. I really feel we can help guide the leadership of Minnesota in a positive direction through MESPA. I want to be a part of that leadership and feel confident that I have built positive relationships with individuals to help move our organization forward.”

Luksik became an elementary principal in 2007 at Pine Point Public School in Ponsford, MN. He has been the principal of Lincoln Elementary in Bemidji, MN since 2013. He holds an Educational Leadership degree from Moorhead State University. He currently serves as President of MESPA’s Northern Division and the Chair of MESPA’s Mental Health Design Team.

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

Eric Skanson, President (ROCORI);

Jen Olson, Secretary-Treasurer (Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted);

Dawn Brown, MESPA NAESP State Representative (New Ulm);

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.