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## Virginia's Nancy Davenport Seeks National Presidency!

VAESP members are urged to support Dr. Davenport's Candidacy for NAESP President



VAESP proudly supports Dr. Nancy Davenport in her bid for President-elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and encourages all members to participate in the election. Dr. Davenport is principal of Kingston Elementary in Virginia Beach and has been a member of NAESP since 1986. She has served on the state level as VAESP President, Legislative Chair, and Zone Director and is currently finishing her term on the national level as NAESP Zone 3 Director. Ballots for the election were mailed on April 9, 2007 and must be returned to NAESP by **May 8, 2007**. Please check your mail for this important opportunity to have an accomplished Virginia Principal leading our national professional organization. If you do not receive your ballot, please contact the NAESP headquarters at 800-386-2377.

### Your VOICE, my VOICE:

#### Together we influence the FUTURE.

By Nancy M. Davenport, Candidate for President-elect

The most important person in the schools today is the **PRINCIPAL**—the key person who shoulders the final responsibility for school success. I believe that principals **DO** make the significant difference in the quality of education for children in our schools. As a candidate for NAESP President-elect, I would be honored to represent you by emphasizing the multifaceted responsibilities of the principalship, including the importance of being an effective instructional leader and our role in school accountability. It would be my privilege to be your **VOICE** in the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

NAESP is an excellent professional association for elementary and middle-level principals, assistant principals, aspiring principals, and other concerned administrators throughout our nation and internationally. We can work together to be even stronger by encouraging the involvement of all members, developing collaborative relationships, and embracing the great leadership abilities and skills of our members. We need to tap the knowledge and talents of principals, throughout the United States and around the world, so we can share best practices and effectively mentor new school leaders in the upcoming years. Working together, we can positively influence the future of education for all children while leaving a legacy of excellence.

Knowing the importance of our work as principals and having a strong loyalty to NAESP, I pledge to work

tirelessly to see that we are highly respected as the **best** professional association of elementary and middle-level principals. Collaboratively working with you, our Board of Directors and headquarters staff, we can enhance our professional development activities, strengthen services and benefits, and increase membership. I would value the opportunity to participate in NAESP initiatives, committees, and activities as President-elect. As an enthusiastic advocate for the principalship and our association, it would be important to me to work with national legislators and educational leaders about the NAESP legislative platform. It would be a great privilege to continue working with the *Vision 2021 Project* to address the future of education and determine the needs of our members; thereby, making our professional organization the absolute **best** it can be!

With your trust and confidence, we can carry the message to community leaders, parents, legislators, and all educators, no matter what their leadership or teaching position, that school principals can and do make a meaningful difference in the education and lives of children. I am passionate about being a principal. It is with a seriousness of purpose that I ask for your vote as the next President-elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.



**Get out and  
Vote Virginia!  
Return your ballot to  
NAESP by May 8th!**