

Your Vote Counts

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as MASSP Secretary. Throughout my career I have tried to put students first, and through that process show that educational leadership is a necessary part of student success. I have had the opportunity to present at national conferences highlighting curricular developments, and put Professional Learning Communities in place. As a past negotiator for our Principal's Association, I have stressed the importance of honoring all principals for the difficult, yet rewarding, job we all accomplish. Your vote is appreciated!



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A Look at Experience

"Leadership can be thought of as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future." This quote from Edwin H. Friedman summarizes my view of leadership and sets the direction to be taken as we move ahead to complete projects already begun, and undertakes others yet to be imagined. We have entered a period of change, with educational, financial, and strategic decisions still to be completed. It is a time for thoughtful leadership, grounded firmly in experience. My objective is to serve the MASSP community, bringing the experiences and values that define us into play to meet the challenges of the years to come.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Major Program: English Education

Minor Program: Speech, Theater, Communication

Master of Science in Education

University of Wisconsin, Superior, Wisconsin

Major: K-12 Educational Administration

Emphasis: Curriculum Development and Supervision

Educational Specialist Program

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

Major Program: Educational Administration

Superintendent Licensure Program

Minnesota State University

Mankato, Minnesota

Positions Held.....

2002-present

Principal, Woodbury High School, South Washington County Schools

Principal, Oltman Junior High School, South Washington County Schools, 5 years

Assistant Principal, Park High School, South Washington County Schools, 3 years

Assistant Principal/ Activities Director, Albert Lea Senior High School, 3 years

Principal, Loyola High School, Mankato, Minnesota, 1 year

Principal, St. Therese School, Deephaven, Minnesota, 1 year

Teacher, English, Speech, Theater Arts, Humanities



Why seek this position?

It would be an honor to represent administrators from this state as Secretary for MASSP! The times are difficult, the economic situation is less than perfect, and it is the right time to reinforce communication paths and relationships across the state. I would like to be part of developing this framework.

I also feel that it is time to give back to this organization. I have been the recipient of carefully planned workshops, opportunities to develop

building plans with colleagues, and chances to see and hear the best theories in education thanks to Minnesota Association of Secondary Principals. I would like to be less a spectator and more an active participant in this great organization.

To say that this is an exciting and challenging time to be a building Principal in Minnesota is an understatement! With initiatives dealing with school climate, test scores, Race to the Top...the list never stops. Placing that position in the context of a precarious economic climate adds to the dynamic. In times like these we need a strong organization to support principals on the local, state, and national levels. I am very excited at the possibility of being a part of the team at MASSP that designs that support.

It would be an honor to represent you!



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