NDAESP PRESIDENT- Dr. Shawn Oban (Myhre Elementary, Bismarck)

I am so glad to see the sun again and send the kids outside for recess. It felt like a long winter, but the challenges may not be over. With all the water and potential flooding issues around the state many of you will be working extra hours. Hang in there! A huge shout out to the hosting region principals for making our Midwinter Conference a fun and engaging learning experience. We all appreciate the work you have put into this success event.

Several of your executive board members and myself were in Washington DC at the National Leaders Conference. I feel our small state is well represented and respected by those around the country because of the work done in previous boards. I would like to thank Dave Steckler who attended in place of Jason Hornbacher recently named superintendent in Bismarck. We didn't miss a beat! There are several issues with address with staff on the hill including Title II and title IV proposed cuts, funneling funds into private schools, and our Social-Emotional and mental health challenges. I am sure we will hear more soon.

I hope you have a great rest of your school year. Thank you for the opportunity to be your NDAESP President this year. It has been a great one!

Shawn Oban
NDAESP State Rep- John Alstad (Bismarck)

Registration is now open for the 2019 NAESP Pre-K-8 Principals Conference. Be sure to sign up for the Community Service Day on July 10!

Go to: [http://tinyurl.com/ybmbw8mn](http://tinyurl.com/ybmbw8mn) for registration information.

If you have any questions about NAESP, or if you want to get more involved, e-mail me at john_alstad@bismarckschools.org

Thanks for all you do!

John Alstad

NDAESP Federal Relations- Position to be Filled

On the State Level:

- A big thank you to Dr. Copas for lobbying on our behalf at the state capitol. We appreciate your time commitment to the cause!


On the Federal Level:

- Federal Department Update Link: [https://www.ed.gov/](https://www.ed.gov/)

- The NAESP State Leaders Conference was a success! NDAESP and NDASSP sent delegate to Washington DC on March 17-21 to attend leadership training and visit our legislators on Capitol Hill.
Happy Spring! It is hard to believe we are winding down another school year! Here is a quick recap of our events from this past winter…

NDAESP Awards Report:

- **National Distinguished Principal:**
  - Dave Steckler, Red Trail Elementary, Mandan

- **Regional Principal of the Year:**
  - Region 1: Derek Gackle, East Fairview School
  - Region 5: Cindy Erbes, Richland Public School

- **Golden Apple Award:**
  - Paula Henry, Eastwood Elementary, West Fargo
  - Kristi Toy, Osgood Elementary, West Fargo
  - Mike Shea, Independence Elementary, West Fargo
  - Manix Zepeda, Brook Harbor Elementary, West Fargo
• Bell Ringer Award:
  • Lynne Borman, Aurora Elementary, West Fargo
  • Chad Clark, Berger Elementary, West Fargo
  • Ethan Ehlert, Willow Park Elementary, West Fargo
  • Jason Markusen, Legacy Elementary, West Fargo
  • Adria Smith, Central Middle School, Devils Lake
  • Megan Strange, Longfellow Elementary, Minot
  • Nicole Weiler, Prairie Rose Elementary, Dickinson

• Service to Children Award:
  • Jeff Reznecheck, Centennial Elementary, Fargo

If you know someone that is retiring… please contact Anna Sell at anna.sell@k12.nd.us as soon as possible! We would like to acknowledge all their handwork and dedication in our May Voice Newsletter! Thank you!

Upcoming Conferences:
• Registration is open for the 2019 NAESP National Summer Conference in Spokane, WA on July 10-12. https://www.naesp.org/content/2019-conference-registration-open It is a beautiful place and has an added bonus… it’s within driving distance!
• 2019 NDCEL Summer Conference… June 12-14, 2019… Bismarck State College… Registration is open: https://www.ndcel.us/

NAESP 2019 Vice President… Paul Wenger, Jordan Creek Elementary
• Paul Wenger, Principal at Jordan Creek Elementary in West Des Moines, IA
  • https://www.naesp.org/sites/default/files/docs/FinalGoalStatement%28Wenger%29.pdf
Richland Public School Wins Blue Ribbon!

Congratulations to Richland Public School for winning the 2018-19 Blue Ribbon! Way to go!