Hello NDAESP Members! Thank you for all the work you do for kids. This is not easy work and as an association we need to continue to work towards making schools a fun and safe place to attend, as well as work. I had a wonderful year representing you as your state president. Thank you for trusting me in this role.

Please help me welcome Jeremy Mehlhoff as your 2019-2020 NDAESP President. I have gotten to know Jeremy over the past few years attending several conferences. He is passionate about children, has a great sense of humor, and knows how to take the stage and sing!! Jeremy truly is a champion for our public schools. Thanks to Jeremy for the work he has already done as well as the work he will do as president.

Enjoy your summer break!! I hope to see you in Spokane, Washington during the 2019 NAESP National Conference in July.

Shawn Oban
**SUMMER!** Regroup, recuperate, recharge! How do you do that? Part of my recharge routine is spending time with peers. There are some great opportunities this summer that will allow you to connect with colleagues and get the ideas that will help you hit the ground running for the 2019-20 school year.

*Coming to the NAESP National Conference in Spokane July 9-12??* Bring your family, bring a group, or travel solo – you can’t help but learn, AND we will connect you with principals from ND, our Zone 7, and from around the nation!  

[https://tinyurl.com/ybmbw8mn](https://tinyurl.com/ybmbw8mn)

Here are a few highlights:

- **7/9** – Playground build – meet new friends from around the nation while helping a needy school!
- **7/11** – Zone 7 Social from 5:00 – 7:00. I will have a ticket for you and a guest! Enjoy networking with fellow zone 7 folks, light appetizers, and free drink tickets.

*Not into big travel? How about the NDCEL conference in Bismarck this June 12-14? The summer conference has great learning opportunities with built-in networking opportunities.*  [www.ndcel.us](http://www.ndcel.us)

*NDCEL Bootcamp/DPI Administrators Conference has strands for all administrators across the state and is held August 6-8 at the Ramada. Watch for registration on the NDCEL website!*

*Maybe you are more of a ‘read by the pool’ recharger? Take a deep dive into the “Resource Center” on the NAESP website. There are full Principal magazine articles, blogs, links, webinars, best-practices lists, and information on about any topic in which you could be interested!*  [www.naesp.org](http://www.naesp.org)


However you spend your summer months, take time for family and fun! I look forward to seeing you soon!

John Alstad  
NAESP State Representative
Congratulations to David Saxberg for being elected as the NDAESP Federal Relations Representative. Dave will begin his duties on August 1.

Dave is no stranger to our association. He has been an elementary principal for over 20 years and a member of NDAESP and NAESP. Dave served two terms as the Secretary/Treasurer for NDAESP.

Dave decided to run for the Federal Relations Representative position because he wanted to be a member of the executive team. Dave wants to do everything he can to be a liaison between the North Dakota's elementary principals and our North Dakota Congressmen who serve at the federal level. He is looking forward to communicating our needs pertaining to federal interests and legislation.

Welcome to the NDAESP Board!
A BIG thank you to all our friends that will be retiring! We wish you the best!

NDAESP Service to Children Award (AKA... Happy Retirement Award!):

• Jeff Reznecheck, Centennial Elementary, Fargo
  • 34 years in education - 20 years of administration all in the Fargo Public Schools
  • Future retirement plans: Fish and golf when the weather allows me the chance. Work a little on the side.

• Denise Musland, LaMoure Elementary
  • 31 years in education – 12 teaching, 19 principal
  • I plan to take care of the home front and follow my kids’ activities! Keeping it simple for the first year and just enjoying it!

• Cindy Erbes, Richland Public School
  • 38 years in education - 3 years in Grenora, ND, teaching 2nd and 3rd grade, director of the Wahpeton Area Teacher Center for 5 years and have been at Richland part or full time for 30 years.
  • I have no definite plans for the future other than spending a lot of time with my family, especially the grandkids.

• Brenda Nilson, Park River Area Schools
  • 32 years in education
  • Plans for the future: Spend time with family and friends along with as much curling and golf as I can manage!!!

• Audrey Faul, Griggs County Public School
  • 42 years in education - 27 as a principal
  • Future plans… No set plans for the future but I will prioritize my family for the next few months and see what the Fall brings and where it takes us. I definitely will spend more time at the grandson’s baseball and hockey games… and do some road trips enjoying our country!

• Mark Morgan, Stanley Public School
  • 36 years in education- I have been principal here in Stanley for 25 years.
  • Future plans… I will be crop adjusting for RCIS in which I have worked since 2000 in the summer time.