THE VOICE
North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals

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

I would like to welcome you all back to school! My name is Shawn Oban and I am your 2018-2019 NDAESP President. I am beginning my 10th year as an elementary principal, but I am doing it in a new place. Like many administrators every year who begin in a new school, I am trying to learn names, personalities, systems, and maintain my sanity. I love it! I am married to a real estate agent and have three children, one son-in-law, and a Chihuahua. My two youngest are both attending Bismarck High School as proud Demons and are involved in many things including football, band, choir, and drama club. It is always a good reminder that our children, both at home and at school, are so much more than creators of math and reading scores that the state uses to determine success. Please remember the whole child as we push every child towards growth academically, as well as social-emotionally. We should push children to discover their passion, along discovering their talents.

I hope you all have a great first couple months, and I look forward to seeing you all at NDCEL Fall Conference in October!

Shawn

Membership! Don’t forget to renew NDAESP, NAESP, and NDCEL Memberships!

NDCEL has implemented a new online renewal process through their website (www.ndcel.us).

You will be able to update your information and either “pay now” by credit card, or “pay later” (download an invoice to send in with a check).

We have also created a quick link to the paper version on our website: https://www.ndcel.org/domain/203
NAESP State Rep- John Alstad (Bismarck)

**NAESP’s National Distinguished Principals** (NDP) program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level principals who ensure that America’s children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. Each year, NAESP congratulates principals from across the nation, in both public and private schools, and overseas, for their exemplary achievements.

North Dakota’s 2018 NDP is **Jason Gullickson** of Ely Elementary School in Rugby, ND.

Give him a shout-out! He will be heading to the 2018 NDP event, which will be held October 11-12 in Washington, D.C.

If you would like to “meet” all of those honored - please follow this link: [https://www.naesp.org/2018-national-distinguished-principals](https://www.naesp.org/2018-national-distinguished-principals)

If you have a chance please take time to thank the NDP sponsors for the 2018 program:

Have you checked out the resources available on the NAESP Website?

The Learning Center has archived webinars and other online learning opportunities! The Resource Center is full of helpful ideas and access to multiple publications that could make an impact in your practice.

**Do you want to get involved at the national level?**

Current NAESP positions available are:

1. Director At-Large, Middle Level, for 2019-22 - Applications Due November 1 for this non-elected position
2. Vice President - Applications Due October 1 with the election to be held in March 19-29, 2019

**Dates to Remember:**

National Leaders Conference - March 17-20, 2019

NAESP Annual Summer Conference - Spokane, WA

i. July 10-12, 2019 with the playground build to be held on the 9th!
Soon after Congress passed the budget bill in March 2018, one that preserved Title II Part A funding at $2.055 billion, attention quickly turned to the FY19 budget process. Over the past few weeks, NAESP has been on Capitol Hill advocating for robust funding for our priorities in the FY19 budget. As part of this effort, NAESP along with other educator groups, sent a letter to Congressional leaders urging Title II Part A be fully funded at its authorized level of $2.295 billion. Appropriations Committees in the Senate and the House recently passed their respective education funding bills, which preserve Title II Part A funding at $2.055 billion, and include critical funding for other education programs.

Why this matters: Title II Part A is the only dedicated federal funding stream for principal professional development and support. States and districts rely heavily on Title II for professional development, mentoring programs, principal preparation, and boosting principal pipelines.

Don’t Forget: While Title II Part A is a focus of NAESP’s advocacy efforts, federal budgets provide critical funding for other education priorities like Title I ($15.8 billion), Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants/Title IV-A ($1.1 billion), and IDEA ($12.3 billion).

What’s next? Congressional leaders have signaled a desire to complete and pass the FY19 funding bill before the November elections, but this remains a tall order due to a compressed legislative calendar. The smart money is on Congress passing a short-term extension (Continuing Resolution) in September to keep the government running and punting passage of the FY19 budget until after the elections.

House Democrats recently released a bill—the Aim Higher Act—which would update the Higher Education Act. The bill focuses on college affordability, student loans, and educator preparation programs. NAESP supports provisions in this legislation that would boost principal preparation programs, including expanding principal residencies and clinically oriented preparation opportunities. Federal support is critical for institutes of higher education looking to expand residencies or clinical preparation. The shift—including reimagining time, coursework, and partnerships with school districts—can be an expensive proposition.

Please let me know if you have questions related to any of these issues and I will be sure to send you a more detailed outline.

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NDAESP State Editor- Chris Bastian (Lidgerwood)

Welcome back to school! I hope things are going well for all of you.

We had an amazing NAESP National Conference experience in Orlando, FL on July 8-11. I hope more of you will consider attending next summer in Spokane, WA. It is a beautiful place and has an added bonus... it's within driving distance!

There are three important conferences coming up in the near future. Be sure to make note of them on your calendars and try to attend!

- 2018 North Dakota Fall Educators Conference... October 10-12, 2018... Bismarck Event Center, Bismarck... [https://www.nd.gov/dpi/events/FallConf](https://www.nd.gov/dpi/events/FallConf)
- 2018 North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders (NDCEL) Fall Conference... October 17-19, 2018... Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck... [https://www.ndcel.us](https://www.ndcel.us)
- 2019 NDAESP Mid-Winter Conference... February 6-8, 2019... Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck... Registration will open in December.

Special announcement from ESPB regarding Title I certifications:
*On September 6, 2018, the Education Standards and Practices Board approved a motion to honor elementary teachers who were previously qualified with a Title I Credential to teach remedial reading and/or remedial math to PK-K students. ESPB will work to update licenses for individuals who held an Elementary Title I Credential to include these grade level course codes. For those teachers affected, they do not need a separate Kindergarten Endorsement if teaching Title I courses.*

*We ask that your district Title I Coordinator please contact us by email at espbinfo@nd.gov or phone (701-328-9641) with the name(s) of those teachers to whom this applies. After receiving the names, ESPB will work as quickly as possible to make these updates for teachers.*

*We appreciate your patience while we make these changes.*

Email: espbinfo@nd.gov
Phone: 701.328.9641

Special announcement from NDCEL regarding Principal Mentoring:
*We in the NDCEL office just want to make sure we all administrators who should/want to be in the mentoring program. If you are not in the program and would like to be please let me know. The number of administrators in the program will influence the cost to the schools, so we want to make sure we have everyone before we finalize the budget.*

*Just from a numbers prospective we have over 100 new administrators and only 30 in the mentoring program. We all know the importance of mentors and we would like anyone who is not participating the opportunity to join for this year. To be accepted into the program you must be new to administration (3 years or less) or you must be new to the state. Please reply to russ.ziegler@ndcel.org if you would like to participate.*

*Superintendents, if you want your principal mentored through this program please send me their contact information and I will get them signed up... russ.ziegler@ndcel.org*

Special announcement from DPI regarding WEA/EAS test:
*Pursuant to the DPI email of Sept 10th, please see below ... as a result of Hurricane Florence, the WEA/EAS test is postponed until Oct 3rd. The times remain the same - 1:18 pm and 1:20 pm. The test message will be sent to all radio, TV, and compatible cell phones; some cell phones may not receive the test message - but it’s anticipated that at that time, everyone’s cell phone alerts will ding, vibrate, etc. Do not be alarmed and explain that everyone is getting the messages as a test of the national system. If you have any questions, please contact our office. Thank you!* [Valerie Fischer, Director](mailto:valerie.fischer@nd.gov)

We are always looking for news from your schools! Please send me a blurb and picture! I would love to highlight it in the Voice! Be sure to share those ideas!

Have a great year! See you in Bismarck!
Nominations Needed!

One of NDAESP’s strengths is found in recognizing Principals who are doing great things in their schools. There are a number of awards available: Golden Apple, Service to Children, Bell Ringer, Quarter Century, Regional Principal of the Year and National Distinguished Principal. We need your help... We need your nominations!

There are two in particular...

**Regional Principal of the Year**
We are members of a great profession and often are humble to a fault, so it is time to celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues. If you know of a colleague who deserves to be considered as a Regional Principal or the Year please complete the nomination form located at [http://www.ndcel.org/domain/96](http://www.ndcel.org/domain/96). Due date is no later than November 2, 2018. The form includes instructions on how to submit your nomination. All of the Regional Principal of the Year recipients will be asked to complete the "National Distinguished Principal Award", however participation in the NDP process is optional.

**National Distinguished Principal Award**
The website also contains the National Distinguished Principal Award form as a person can be nominated for the NDP without being a Regional Principal of the Year recipient. Prior to nominating a colleague for either of these awards please make sure they meet the criteria for each award. The criteria are spelled out on each of the forms and will be included in the text below. Our profession deserves recognition for all that we do for our communities and the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principal Award Program highlights this good work!

Handy Websites for the School and Classroom

**Movie License USA**: [http://k12.movlic.com/](http://k12.movlic.com/) A cost effective way to legally show copyrighted movies in your school and classrooms. This can also act as a great parent involvement tool! Family Movie Night!

**Prairie Public Education Services**: [http://www.prairiepubliceducation.org/](http://www.prairiepubliceducation.org/) Cool tools and resources for the busy teacher!

**GoNoodle**: [https://www.gonoodle.com/](https://www.gonoodle.com/) I’m totally addicted to this website. Great indoor recess ideas! Warning... the songs are addictive!

**Kahoot!**: [https://getkahoot.com/how-it-works](https://getkahoot.com/how-it-works) Create interactive games quick and easily.

**Teachers Pay Teachers**: [https://www.teacherspayteachers.com](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com) Work smarter, not harder! Great site to share ideas and tools!