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Dr. Bill Ziegler Named 2016 State Principal of the Year

(Harrisburg, Pa.) — Dr. Bill Ziegler, principal of Pottsgrove High School in the Pottsgrove School District, has been named the 2016-17 State Principal of the Year by the Pennsylvania Principals Association. Dr. Ziegler will join his fellow state principals of the year from across the country for consideration as 2017 National Principal of the Year in a program conducted by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

The NASSP National Principal of the Year program convenes the year's top principal from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools to be honored at a three-day Institute in Washington, D.C., September 11-14, 2016. From this pool of state winners, three national finalists are named and interviewed by a distinguished panel of judges during the Institute. The 2017 NASSP National Principal of the Year will be announced at the winner's school during National Principals Month in October. In addition, Dr. Ziegler will be honored by the PA Principals Association at its annual state conference in October.

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Dr. Ziegler is the 2015-2016 President of the PA Principals Association. He most recently served the association as President-Elect in addition to serving as the 2013-14 President. He has also held the positions of Immediate Past President, Treasurer and as the East-III Secondary Regional Representative. He has been a member of the PA Principals Association and NASSP for 13 years, and served on the NASSP Publication Advisory Council from 2007-2009.

Dr. Ziegler began his education career in 1994 as a social studies teacher at Pottstown High School; and from 1998-2002, he was the assistant principal of Pottstown High School, in the Pottstown School District. From 2002-2007, he served as the assistant principal of Pottsgrove High School in the Pottsgrove School District. He was principal of Pottsgrove Middle School from 2007-2013 before assuming his current position as principal of Pottsgrove High School.

“I am humbled and honored to represent PA Principals across the commonwealth with this prestigious honor. This recognition is because of the hard work and tireless commitment of the Pottsgrove High School faculty and staff and our amazing students, parents and community. I am blessed to serve as principal in a school and district that believes that every student can achieve at high levels and that puts students first when making decisions,” expressed Dr. Ziegler.

Dr. Ziegler has been an adjunct professor in graduate education at Temple University since 2007, and has served as a representative for NASSP on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Congressional Panel for the E-RATE Program. In 2015, Dr. Ziegler was selected as a *NASSP Digital Principal*, an award that honors principals who exhibit bold, creative leadership in their drive to harness the potential of new technologies to further learning goals. He was also honored to serve on the American Principal Team at the Great Leaders’ Summit in China where he provided professional development to over 4,000 Chinese principals on digital leadership. In addition, Dr. Ziegler’s article, “*Developing Teacher Leadership Capacity*,” was published in NASSP’s *Principal Leadership* magazine in April 2012. His articles have been published in *Principal Leadership* multiple times.

Dr. Ziegler is active in his community as well. He was president of the Montgomery County Principals Association from 2008-2010, currently serves on the board of Trinity Church and serves on the Alumni Board of Montgomery County Community College. Additionally, he volunteered his time to teach GED classes to parents in the Pottsgrove community.

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“NASSP is proud to highlight the incredible work that these principals are doing in our nation’s schools. State principals of the year show all educators the strides schools and students can make when a principal is committed to raising student achievement through personalization and collaboration,” said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti.

Dr. Ziegler received a bachelor’s degree in education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, a master’s degree in education from Gratz College and a doctorate in educational leadership from Temple University. He received his Principal’s Certificate from The Pennsylvania State University.

He resides in Boyertown, Pa., with his wife, Kim, and their two children.

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About the Pennsylvania Principals Association:

The Pennsylvania Principals Association membership of approximately 3,800 is comprised of elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders and is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

The Mission of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: *To ensure a quality education for every child by comprehensively supporting the educational leaders of our schools.*

The Vision of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: *To be the best service organization of its kind in the United States.*