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## **Representative Laurie Dolan Wins AWSP's 2019 Torch of Leadership Award**

*Passionate advocate for education who listens well and stays in touch*

**OLYMPIA** — Representative Laurie Dolan is the winner of AWSP's 2019 Torch of Leadership Award. Representative Dolan is a Democrat representing the 22nd Legislative District, which serves Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and the surrounding areas.

Each year, AWSP's Advocacy Committee has the opportunity to select a state-level public servant who has demonstrated support of principals and the principalship in the education of all students. Rep. Dolan's commitment to education is reflected in her connection to her local school districts as well as to the attention she pays to issues across our state.

Prior to becoming a state representative, Rep. Dolan worked for 30 years as a teacher and school director advocating for the needs of children and schools. She has also worked with former Governor Gregoire as her policy director and now serves as Vice Chair on the House Education Committee, as well as on the Appropriations and State Government & Tribal Relations Committees.



Representative Dolan is an excellent communicator who values the work of all educators and who knows the success of our schools and districts is tied to the quality of our principals. She reaches out to work closely with AWSP on legislation that impacts our work such as school safety, teacher and principal evaluation, high school graduation requirements, civics education, and more. She is always willing to speak with groups of principals and with our high school student finalists for the U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship.

AWSP will officially honor Dolan in October 2019 at its Advocacy Committee meeting. AWSP founded the Torch of Leadership Award in 2009.

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### **STATE COMPONENTS**

Elementary School Principals of Washington (ESPAW)  
Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP)  
Washington Association of Secondary School Principals (WASSP)

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### **NATIONAL COMPONENTS**

National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)  
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)