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**Jerry Warren honored as 2011 Washington State  
Assistant Principal of the Year**

**The former Federal Way High School Assistant Principal will be honored Thursday at  
AWSP's statewide Assistant Principals' Leadership Conference in Seattle**

OLYMPIA-- Jerry Warren is a school leader driven by challenge. Principal Lisa Griebel of Federal Way High School described it this way, "Jerry takes the toughest situation, the most challenging student, the least reasonable parent, and by the very act of respectful listening, turns the situation around."

That attitude earned him the title of 2011 Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year.

Warren was chosen as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP). A panel of principals representing the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals, a component of AWSP, selected Warren from a competitive round of regional finalists.

Warren was assistant principal at Federal Way High School at the time of selection earlier in 2010, and he is now principal at Illahee Middle School. Warren served Federal Way High School for six years. Prior to that, he directed the School-Age Youth Initiative at the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation. He also served for two years as health program coordinator at the Oregon Department of Education, and as health and physical education department chair and wellness coordinator for the Reynolds School District in Oregon.

As assistant principal at Federal Way High, Warren established comprehensive offerings for minority students, including setting up a mentoring program that matches African American students and minority community professionals; a minority forum; a program that matches successful 12th-graders with 9<sup>th</sup>-graders entering high school; and a non-traditional careers exploration event.

Principal Griebel also credits Warren for putting in place an accessible parent involvement plan, a streamlined discipline model, and a model athletic program focusing on the "student" in student athlete. All have contributed to the rising state test scores in the school, the positive school climate, and the enhanced parent/staff relationships.

Warren will receive his award on Feb. 10 in Seattle at AWSP's annual Assistant Principals' Leadership Conference. Later this year he will represent Washington at the State Assistant

Principals of the Year Forum and Awards Gala in Washington, DC, which annually honors the National Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year.

**About the Association of Washington School Principals**

The Association of Washington School Principals is a professional association serving principals, assistant principals and principals in training. Formed in 1972, AWSP now includes more than 3,400 members from public and private elementary, middle and high schools statewide. It is governed by a board of practicing principals drawn from three grade-specific boards representing the elementary, middle and high school levels. [www.awsp.org](http://www.awsp.org)

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