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**Ms. Lacey Griffiths, Assistant Principal at RA Long High in Longview SD,
Named 2019 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year**
Students and Staff are Well-Known at RA Long High School

OLYMPIA -- RA Long High School Assistant Principal Lacey Griffiths (Longview SD) was named this year's Washington State Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year by a panel of principals representing the Washington Association of Secondary School Administrators (WASSP), a component of the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP).

Ms. Griffiths has been assistant principal at RA Long for the past seven years. She has worked hard during this time to develop strong relationships with her teachers, and believes these relationships allows her to push teachers gently out of their comfort zone and question their "whys." She aims to be on the forefront of anything implemented or adopted in order to be able to assist teachers, and seeks professional development around students' needs. She writes, "Whether it be attending Autism trainings, ELL training, trauma training, etc., it is critical that I have the skill set to assist teachers in assisting our students."



Principal Rich Reeves says that Ms. Griffiths is highly deserving of this award because of her, "unwavering commitment to the growth and success of every student in our building." He goes on to say that, "Lacey knows nearly every student in our comprehensive high school by name and need. She is aware of our students social/emotional needs and doesn't dwell on problems, but is constantly seeking solutions to make sure our students at RA Long are provided whatever resource they need to assist them in growing to be the person they are intended to be."

Lacey Griffiths will be honored for her accomplishments at the June 2019 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference in Spokane, and recognized nationally at the 2019 National Principals Conference in Boston with other state Assistant Principals of the Year. See a list of past state winners and learn more about the award at www.awsp.org/APOY.

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