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Marysville Principal Wins Middle Level Principal of the Year

Pete Lundberg makes Marysville Middle a place for everyone

OLYMPIA—The Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) has selected Pete Lundberg, principal of Marysville Middle School (MMS), as the state's Middle Level Principal of the Year. A special presentation will be made by AWSP Executive Director Gary Kipp this Wednesday, April 11 at the Marysville School District's Annual Recognition Celebration in Marysville.

Lundberg, who has been at Marysville Middle for his entire 15-year career as a principal, was singled out for his efforts to create an environment of collaborative leadership and trust. Students, staff, parents and other building administrators all say they have benefited from Lundberg's focus on creating a school environment where everyone is included.

It takes collaboration to meet the educational needs of Marysville Middle's 1,000 sixth- and seventh-graders. Lundberg delegates tasks to two assistant principals and teachers to continue the school's increasing success with balanced literacy and focus on student engagement.

"All of what we do at Marysville Middle School is a team effort," said Lundberg. "I believe that our staff, both certificated and classified, believes that they make a difference in our school and for our kids."

Kari Lowry, a teacher at Marysville Middle for 17 years, believes in Lundberg's vision to enhance student achievement through collaboration.

"He has enlisted the support of his staff by effectively communicating the goals necessary to bring students to standard and to improve instruction in the classroom," said Lowry. "Under his direction he motivates and inspires people by fostering a spirit of teamwork that values and rewards accomplishments made while working together toward these goals."

Parents also appreciate Lundberg's willingness to have them involved in school improvement. Monica Sandoval, parent of a student who attended the middle school, considers Lundberg an "icon, a hallmark in our school community and community at large."

"[Peter] is widely recognized for his accomplishments as he leads and directs us through the complexity of school reform with a focus on increased opportunities for student achievement and fostering parental involvement," wrote Sandoval in her letter of recommendation for Lundberg.

Lundberg's credentials include a Master in Education from the University of Puget Sound and a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Psychology from Eastern Washington University. He has been a school administrator for 21 years and first entered the principalship in 1991.

Lundberg was selected from five regional finalists as the state's 2007 Middle Level Principal of the Year by a panel of middle-level principals from across the state. Each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) recognizes outstanding secondary school

leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. The program honors principals who have demonstrated excellence in the areas addressed by the selection criteria, including:

- **Collaborative Leadership:** Involves teachers, staff members, parents, students and the community in achieving the goals of the school; provides direction or focus to achieve the school's goals as a member of the school's leadership team; models continuous professional growth; balances management tasks with instructional leadership tasks.
- **Personalization:** Establishes and maintains a positive school climate that reflects high student and staff morale; interacts professionally and tactfully with others; creates structures that enable teachers to develop an appreciation for each student's abilities; acknowledges achievement or accomplishments of students and teachers; models values, beliefs and attitudes that inspire others to higher levels of performance; develops and maintains dialogue with representatives of diverse community groups.
- **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:** Improves teaching and learning by implementing programs and improvement efforts; observes, supervises and evaluates teachers and instructional programs to maximize the learning opportunities for every student; analyzes multiple sources of data to improve instructional practices and outcomes; demonstrates knowledge of learning, teaching, research and programs that maximize student performance.

Lundberg will be honored with the elementary, high school and assistant principals of the year at AWSP's Principals' Conference Oct. 14-16 in Vancouver. As the state winner, Lundberg will represent Washington at the national level, as one of more than 50 nominees for the national award. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Department of State's Overseas Schools select one middle level and one high school principal. From these state winners, six finalists (three middle level, three high school) are selected and eligible for the National Principal of the Year award.

For more information on the National MetLife/NASSP Principal of the Year program, visit www.principals.org

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