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## Members of NAESP:

I am writing to encourage your support of Dwight Cooper in his pursuit of the vice presidency of the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Dwight has been a very active leader in our state association for many years. He is seen by his peers as one they can rely on to keep them informed, speak on their behalf, and listen to them to really understand complex issues and the implications for principals. When I say peers, I am not just talking about other principals in our state; I am talking about principals across the nation.

Dwight is a great choice for NAESP vice president, not solely because he is a skilled and accomplished principal, but because he has a passion for NAESP, which comes through every time he speaks. His positive and upbeat attitude is infectious and makes us want to participate. Dwight's passion, coupled with his knowledge of national education issues, has served him well in influencing members of Congress over the years. At no time in the history of public education has this trait been more critical.

Dwight has the energy, enthusiasm and experience to lead the Association as it transitions to a new Executive Director. He has the support of his district and he certainly has the support of the Association of Washington School Principals. If there is anything else that I can do to further Dwight's candidacy or share more information about his leadership, please do not hesitate to call me at (360) 561-2990.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Kipp

**Executive Director**