

Hopewell Principal Begins Term as President-Elect of National Educational Leadership Organization

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Longtime principal Michael Allison to represent school leaders nationwide



Reston, VA—Michael Allison, principal of Hopewell High School in Aliquippa, PA, has been elected to serve the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) as president-elect for the 2014-15 school year and as president for the 2015-16 school year.

During his tenure, which took effect on July 1, Allison will share the positive work that is taking place in public schools across the nation. More specifically, he will showcase the work that principals do to support teachers and students--and highlight the ways NASSP supports principals in building their leadership skills. Allison aims to connect principals to one another and encourage them to leverage the professional learning community NASSP membership makes available to them. He has assumed this leadership post as of the launch of [NASSP's strategic plan](#) in July.

“Principals make a difference for children every day. By serving our nation’s principals, I hope to ultimately improve the standing of principals in the public eye and make a difference in the daily work principals do for students. We want to see a great leader in every school committed to the success of each student.” Allison said. “I am a principal and the same skills that I use as a principal--a passion for student success, a strong work ethic, positive relationship building and a willingness to listen--will be the guides that I will use to connect and engage with our members and build NASSP in the role of president-elect.”

NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti is confident that Allison can accomplish those goals. “Well-respected in the profession, Michael will leverage his experience to be a prominent voice for the needs of secondary schools and their students,” said Bartoletti. “NASSP is fortunate to have such a strong leader in Michael and we look forward to all the great work we know he will accomplish in his new role as president-elect.”

An accomplished educator, Allison has been a Pennsylvania school leader since 1998 and has a history of involvement in state and national advocacy efforts. As a member of the NASSP board since 2010, he participates in shaping the organization’s federal education policy and governance agendas that advocates for secondary schools and their students. He has served on the NASSP steering, conference and strategic planning committees, as well as two years as the chair of the NASSP Policy and Governance committee. He regularly travels to Washington, D.C., to meet with fellow board members, national figures and federal education policymakers.

Allison began his career as a teacher at South Side Middle/High School (Hookstown, PA) in 1989. He has been a principal at Hopewell Area School District since 1998, taking the lead role as Hopewell High School principal

in 2000. Michael's proudest moments come from having shaped the educational vision of his school community, from watching students receive their diplomas knowing he had a role in their success and from getting to congratulate each individual student at graduation. A member of the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) since 1998, Allison has been on the PAESSP Board of Directors for more than 12 years. He served PAESSP as the 2007-08 president and also held positions as treasurer and regional representative. Allison has served his local schools as a board member of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) since 2010. Allison earned a bachelor of science degree in secondary education (Biology) from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, a master's of education degree and secondary principal certification from Franciscan University of Steubenville and an elementary principal certification from Westminster College. He was also a member of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program for Educational Leaders (IDPEL) Cohort 2003 at Duquesne University. Michael resides in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania with Michele, his wife and Alexei, his son.

About NASSP

[The National Association of Secondary School Principals](#) (NASSP) is the leading organization of and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and all school leaders from across the United States and more than 36 countries around the world. The association connects and engages school leaders through advocacy, research, education, and student programs. NASSP advocates on behalf of all school leaders to ensure the success of each student and strengthens school leadership practices through the design and delivery of high quality professional learning experiences. Reflecting its long-standing commitment to student leadership development, NASSP administers the [National Honor Society](#), [National Junior Honor Society](#), [National Elementary Honor Society](#), and [National Association of Student Councils](#).



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