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PA Education Leaders Rally at Capitol in Support of Pennsylvania Students and Public Education

(Harrisburg, PA) — Principals, superintendents and other education leaders and staff from the **Pennsylvania Principals Association**, the **Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA)** and the **Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS)** gathered in the **Capitol Rotunda today from 1-2 p.m. for PA Education Leaders Advocacy Day 2018 (#paadvocacyday18)** to make their voices heard to Pennsylvania legislators regarding public education and the needs of Pennsylvania's children. Earlier in the day, they met with various legislators to address several important issues that are at the forefront of education in the commonwealth. These include: Increasing Education Funding; Revision of Principal and Teacher Evaluations; Opposition of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and Tuition Vouchers; and Changes to Proposed Graduation Requirements in the commonwealth.

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Two members from each association spoke during the rally. Speakers from the PA Principals Association included Dr. Melissa Patschke, an elementary principal from the Spring-Ford Area School District, and the NAESP representative on the PA Principals Association Board of Directors; and Christopher Gegaris, chief of district operations for Crestwood School District, and the East I regional representative on the PA Principals board.

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About the PA Principals Association: The PA Principals Association membership of approximately 3,800 is comprised of elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders and is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

The Mission of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: *To ensure a quality education for every child by comprehensively supporting the educational leaders of our schools.*

The Vision of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: *To be the best service organization of its kind in the United States.*