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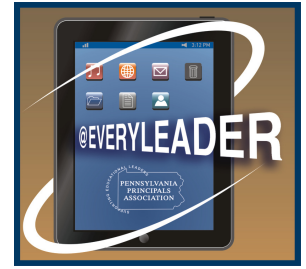
PENNSYLVANIA PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION

# 2015 State Conference

October 18-20, 2015

The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel  
State College, Pennsylvania

**#PAESSP15**



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## State and National Education Leaders To Convene in State College

(Harrisburg, PA)—More than 350 elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals, supervisors, school-related vendors and other education leaders will convene in State College, PA, for the **23<sup>rd</sup> annual state conference of the Pennsylvania Principals Association (formerly the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals)** to be held **October 18-20, 2015** at **The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel**. This year's theme is **@EVERYLEADER**.

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“We would like to invite all principals and those interested in educational leadership to join us for our annual state conference for elementary and secondary school principals in State College. This year’s conference features outstanding and renowned speakers in the field of education, including Dr. James Stronge, Justin Baeder and Dr. Mike Schmoker. It’s probably fair to say that many of these names are authors of books you have probably read or have sitting on your shelf. We are thrilled to have such amazing speakers this year! If you have never experienced a PA Principals Association Conference, you are in for a positive, enriching and relevant professional development experience. Personally, we have found what the Pennsylvania Principals Association has to offer in a conference rivals that of nearly any conference we have attended as principals. Each time I have attended a PA Principals Conference, I find myself recharged, refueled and ready to tackle my building afresh and anew,” said Dr. Beth Haldeman, 2015 conference committee co-chairperson.

Several of the awards to be presented at the conference include the National Distinguished Principal to Dr. Mary Beth Grove; Principal of the Year to Theresa Ricci; Outstanding Assistant Principal to Debbie Beucker; and Robert E. Lavelly Assistant Principal of the Year to Randy Engle. In addition, the 2015 Educational Excellence Award will be presented to State Rep. James R. Roebuck, Jr., Democratic chairman of the PA House Education Committee. These awards and other recognitions will be presented during **the Pennsylvania Principals Association’s 31<sup>st</sup> annual banquet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015** (*President’s Hall*).

As part of its continuing community service and outreach efforts, the PA Principals Association will collect canned goods and other food items for the Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc., at its fourth annual Diamond Sponsors’ Social on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, following the association’s annual banquet.

In addition to over 60 vendors exhibiting their products for schools and classrooms in the Exhibit Hall (*President’s Hall, Monday, Oct. 19, 2015*), keynote addresses and a multitude of informational breakout sessions will be presented to attendees by three nationally known speakers as well as educators from across the Commonwealth during the 2 ½-day conference. **Dr. James Stronge** will present “*World-Class Principals: The Role Principals Play in School Success*” on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1:30-2:45 p.m. at the First General Session (*Dean’s Hall*).

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On Monday, October 19, **Justin Baeder** will present “3 Core Contributions of Instructional Leaders” from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Second General Session (*Dean’s Hall*). Also, speaking on Monday is **Dr. Mike Schmoker**, who will present “*First Things First for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” from 1:30-2:45 p.m. at the Third General Session (*Dean’s Hall*). The NASSP Digital Principals, Dr. William Ziegler (PA), John Bernia (Michigan) and Derek McCoy (NC), will present two sessions during the *Tech Learning Labs* on Monday in the *Courtyard Lounge*.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Pennsylvania annual business meeting (8:15-9:15 a.m.), PA Principals Association President Jacqueline Clarke Havrilla will “pass the gavel” to **Dr. William T. Ziegler, principal of Pottsgrove High School in the Pottsgrove School District, making him the 2015-2016 PA Principals Association president.**

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For further information, or to schedule an interview or photo, please contact **Sheri L. Thompson**, director of communications/public relations, at (717) 732-4999 office (*through 10/16*) or [sherit@paprincipals.org](mailto:sherit@paprincipals.org). *Ms. Thompson will also be available from 10/17 – 10/20 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA, at (814) 863-5000 (front desk). The Legal Update Session on Tuesday is only open to PA Principals Association members.*

**About Us:** *The Pennsylvania Principals Association* is the consolidated association of the *Pennsylvania Association of Elementary School Principals* (PAESP) and the *Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals* (PASSP).

- The PA Principals Association has approximately 3,800 members throughout the Commonwealth.
- The PA Principals Association membership is made up of elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals, supervisors and other educational leaders.
- The PA Principals Association is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).
- The PA Principals Association’s president is Jacqueline Clarke Havrilla, an elementary principal in the Spring-Ford Area School District.
- The PA Principals Association’s executive director is Paul M. Healey, Ph.D.
- The PA Principals Association assistant executive director is Dr. Joseph H. Clapper.

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

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