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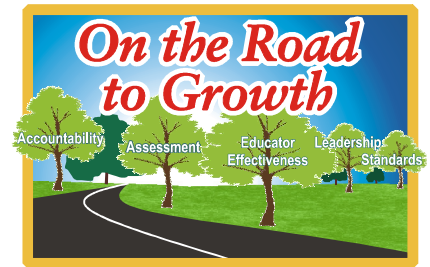
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October 15 - 16, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Cranberry

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## State and National Education Leaders “On the Road to Growth” in Western Pennsylvania

(Harrisburg, PA)—More than 250 elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals, supervisors, school-related vendors and other education leaders will convene in Mars, PA, for the **25<sup>th</sup> annual state conference of the Pennsylvania Principals Association** to be held **October 15-16, 2017** at **DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Cranberry**. This year’s theme is “**On the Road to Growth.**”

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“From October 15-16, the premier event for principals and other educational leaders in Pennsylvania will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Cranberry. Principals and school leaders from around the state will gather to listen and learn not only from each other, but from cutting-edge keynote speakers, Jon Gordon and Beatrice (Bea) McGarvey. Each day, on a personal and professional level, all of us are “*On the Road to Growth*” when we walk into our buildings. During National Principals Month, the principals of Pennsylvania will continue to gain the knowledge and expertise needed to lead Pennsylvania schools by attending this event. The Pennsylvania Principals Association is proud to sponsor and organize this outstanding event for principals and school leaders from around the state,” said James E. Orichosky, 2017 conference committee co-chairperson, and an elementary principal in the Bald Eagle Area School District.

Several of the awards to be presented at the conference include the **National Distinguished Principal to Steven M. Smith; Principal of the Year to Todd M. Price; Outstanding Assistant Principal to Amy L. Coleman; and Robert E. Lavelly Assistant Principal of the Year to Laura E. Wade.** In addition, the PA Principals Association is proud to present its **2017 Educational Excellence Award to Pedro A. Rivera, PA Secretary of Education.** These awards and other recognitions will be presented during **the Pennsylvania Principals Association’s 33<sup>rd</sup> annual banquet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2017 (Elm).**

As part of its continuing community service and outreach efforts, the PA Principals Association will collect food items for a ***Stuff the Bus Food Drive* at its sixth annual Diamond Sponsors’ Social on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 (Cedar),** following the annual banquet. **All proceeds will be donated to the Leechburg Area Community Food Bank.**

In addition to 59 vendors exhibiting their products for schools and classrooms in the Exhibit Hall (*Dogwood/Elm/Fir and Prefunction Area, Monday, Oct. 16, 2017*), keynote addresses and numerous small group sessions will be presented to attendees by two nationally known speakers as well as educators from across the commonwealth during the two-day conference. **Jon Gordon** will present “*The Power of a Positive Educator*” on **Sunday, October 15 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** at the First General Session (*Cedar*).

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On Monday, October 16, **Beatrice (Bea) McGarvey** will present “*Mass Customized Learning: The Time is Now!*” from **1:30-2:45 p.m. at the Second General Session (Cedar)**. She will also present a small group session titled, “*Leadership for Mass Customized Learning,*” **from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on Monday, October 16.**

It is our honor to be in Cranberry Township (Mars,) PA, and for the PA Principals Association to hold its annual conference for the first time at such a wonderful venue as the newly-renovated DoubleTree by Hilton. We look forward to an invigorating, personalized and informative conference, as we connect together as leaders in the field of education – *On the Road to Growth*. The benefits derived from listening to expert speakers, exchanging ideas with others in the field and reflecting on research based practices will ultimately positively impact our students, our teachers and our districts and improve education across the state,” said Dr. Beth A. Haldeman, president of the PA Principals Association, and an elementary principal in the Cocalico School District.

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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** or [sherit@papprincipals.org](mailto:sherit@papprincipals.org) until 10/13/17 or [sherit3728@yahoo.com](mailto:sherit3728@yahoo.com) after 10/13/17.

**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 2016-2018 president is Dr. Beth A. Haldeman, an elementary principal in the Cocalico 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.*