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Local educator receives prestigious Penn State award

(Harrisburg, PA)— Each year, The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) College of Education Alumni Society Board of Directors identifies a PSU alum who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service during his/her career as an educational leader to receive the *Leadership and Service Award*. **This year's recipient is Paul M. Healey, Ph.D., executive director of the Pennsylvania Principals Association.** Dr. Healey was honored with this prestigious award at a banquet ceremony at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, Pa., on Oct. 9, 2020. Dr. Joseph H. Clapper, president of the PSU College of Education Alumni Society Board of Directors and former assistant executive director for the Pennsylvania Principals Association, presented him with the award.

According to Dr. Beth Haldeman, assistant to the superintendent at Cocalico School District and past president of the Pennsylvania Principals Association, "Dr. Healey has transformed the reputation and culture of the Pennsylvania Principals Association into one that key leaders in government now favor, value and seek out for advice and opinion."

"This respect between organization and government flows from the governor to the Secretary of Education and includes all legislators and senators, which is quite a remarkable feat accomplished in just a few years. Dr. Healey has turned the Pennsylvania Principals Association into an organization that others revere and aspire to belong to," continued Dr. Haldeman.

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Jonathan Ross, principal of Lionville Middle School in Downingtown Area School District and president-elect of the Pennsylvania Principals Association, said, “Dr. Healey took an already successful organization and led it to become one of the foremost influential sources of public education advocacy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dr. Healey provides individual support and counseling for principals struggling with some of the more stressful experiences of our profession. He accomplishes all of these tasks while remaining centered on the mentality of children first.”

Dr. Healey has served as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Principals Association since July 2013. In addition to his service as a teacher, principal, superintendent and adjunct professor in his more than 33-year education career, Dr. Healey has been influential at the state and national levels. At the state level, Dr. Healey is a long-standing member of the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum (PASCD) and served as chair of the Teacher Supervision Committee and was one of the authors of an award-winning publication on teacher supervision and evaluation. His recent work helped to shape state legislation which will transform the teacher supervision and evaluation process for the 2022 school year in districts across Pennsylvania. At the national level, Dr. Healey was elected to serve on the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Board of Directors in Washington, D.C., for six years. He has been the only Pennsylvania educator to be elected to serve as president of their 145,000-member organization in 2011-12.

Dr. Healey resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa., with his wife, Kathy who is an elementary principal. They have three grown daughters who also hold service positions, two being nurses and one is an elementary teacher.

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Photo caption: Local educator Paul M. Healey, Ph.D., executive director of the Pennsylvania Principals Association, was honored recently with prestigious PSU award.

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