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## PA Education Leaders To Hold Advocacy Day 2018 in Harrisburg

(Harrisburg, PA) — A delegation of principals, 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)** will participate in **PA Education Leaders Advocacy Day 2018 (#paadvocacyday18) on Monday, June 19 at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pa.**, to meet with 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.

“We are delighted to join forces with PASA and PARSS for this year’s PA Education Leaders Advocacy Day at the Capitol. It is extremely important that numerous school principals and superintendents will be meeting with our state legislators next week to discuss the important issues facing our public schools. In particular, we continue to be concerned about the inadequate amount of basic education funding as Pennsylvania ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms state share of support for public education,” said Dr. Joseph Clapper, Assistant Executive Director, PA Principals Association.

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A rally is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. on the Main Rotunda Steps where members of these three association will speak on behalf students in Pennsylvania schools and public education. Speakers from the PA Principals Association include: 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.*