Pennsylvania Principals Association Expands Advocacy Efforts

(Harrisburg, Pa.) — The Pennsylvania Principals Association has secured the services of Hannah Stahle Barrick, JD, to further expand advocacy efforts for the Pennsylvania Principals Association. Ms. Barrick currently serves in a similar role for both the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) and the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA). She will continue working with both of those organizations, but will also serve as the director of advocacy on a part-time basis for the PA Principals Association. The range of services she will provide include: organizing periodic meetings with legislators on specific issues; preparing weekly reports on the status of pertinent legislation for distribution to members and for posting on the association website; offering in-person reports to the PA Principals Association Board of Directors; and providing legislative alerts for dissemination to members.

Ms. Barrick brings with her a plethora of advocacy experience in the education arena. In her current position as PASBO’s director of advocacy, she develops and implements association strategy on legislative policy impacting education, the practice of school business and education finance. In addition, she advocates on behalf of the association with members and staff of the General Assembly, administration, state agencies and the Congressional delegation to further the association’s legislative agenda among other responsibilities. Previously, she was employed by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association as the government relations director, as a government affairs specialist and as a government affairs assistant. She also served as a health privacy specialist in the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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“With the addition of Hannah, we are pleased to increase advocacy on behalf of school principals and other educational leaders in the commonwealth. During the past three years, we have markedly increased our visibility in Harrisburg and her efforts will assist the association leadership to have an even more prominent seat at the table with our state legislators and other government leaders,” said Paul M. Healey, Ph.D., executive director of the PA Principals Association.

Ms. Barrick earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, and her Juris Doctor from Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden, CT.

She will begin providing advocacy services and support to the association in July.

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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.