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Diversity and Equity Position Statement Adopted by PA Principals Association Board of Directors

(ENOLA, PA) — Over the past few months, the **Pennsylvania Principals Association’s Diversity and Equity Committee** developed and proposed a **Position Statement** to help guide its work and provide direction for the association. On March 26, 2021 at its spring meeting, the PA Principals Association Board of Directors approved an ***Diversity and Equity Position Statement***. The committee and board of directors will continue to work on a variety of initiatives such as providing members with professional development opportunities and practical resources they can use within their own school communities.

According to Dr. Eduardo L. Antonetti, Chair of the PA Principals Association’s Diversity and Equity Committee and Diversity At-Large board member, “In developing this equity and diversity position statement, the PA Principals Association gathered valuable feedback and insights from dozens of principals representing every region of our commonwealth. We thank all our members for their contributions, leadership, and focus on equity and diversity issues even as they tackle countless challenges during this pandemic.”

The Diversity and Equity Committee is made up of the following PA Principals Association members: Dr. Eduardo Antonetti (Chair), Diversity At-Large Board Member, PA Principals Association, and Supervisor of Curriculum, Mid Valley School District; Dr. Jonathan Ross, President, PA Principals Association, and Middle School Principal, Downingtown Area School District; Dr. Melissa Patschke, NAESP Representative, PA Principals Association, and Elementary Principal, Spring-Ford Area School District; Curtis Johnson, NASSP Coordinator, PA Principals Association, and High School Principal, State College Area School District; Richard Gordon IV, NASSP and PA Principals

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Association Principal of the Year 2020, and High School Principal, Philadelphia School District; Tam Hower, Elementary Principal, Eastern Lebanon County School District; Dr. Jesse White, Middle School Principal, South Middleton School District; Teresa Pearce, West I Regional Elementary Representative, PA Principals Association, and Elementary Principal, Corry Area School District; Michael Turek, Middle School Principal, Frazier School District; Dr. Eric Eshbach, Assistant Executive Director, PA Principals Association; and Dr. Barry Purvis, Membership Outreach, PA Principals Association.

Dr. Jonathan G. Ross, President of the PA Principals Association, said, “As the leaders of our commonwealth’s schools, it is integral that we have an understanding about the diverse backgrounds and experiences of the students in our care. If the first step to teaching children is to develop a positive relationship, then the first step to developing that relationship is gaining insight into who they are as an individual. The creation of our diversity and equity board position, followed by the formation of our committee and position statement, all speak to the level of commitment on the part of our association toward helping our members and, in turn, the children of Pennsylvania.”

Click on the link below for the PA Principals Association’s Diversity and Equity Position Statement:

<https://www.papprincipals.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Equity-and-Diversity-Statement-2-scaled.jpg>

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About the PA Principals Association: The PA Principals Association membership of approximately 3,500 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 State