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The Pennsylvania Principals Association Announces Changes in Staff Leadership: Eshbach Named Executive Director and Snell Named Assistant Executive Director

(ENOLA, PA) — The Pennsylvania Principals Association’s Executive Committee has announced that Dr. Eric C. Eshbach, Assistant Executive Director, has been hired as the next Executive Director and Dr. Michael S. Snell, Superintendent of Central York School District, has been hired as the Assistant Executive Director. Dr. Eshbach and Dr. Snell will assume their new roles following the retirement of Executive Director, Paul M. Healey, Ph.D., later this year.

According to Dr. Jonathan G. Ross, President of the PA Principals Association, “Our association has a long history of providing outstanding services to educational leaders across the commonwealth. Much of this is due to the leadership provided by those in charge of the day-to-day operation of our association. While the retirement of Dr. Healey will leave big shoes to fill, we are very excited to have someone with the stellar reputation and track record of Dr. Michael Snell stepping in as Assistant Executive Director. I have the utmost confidence that the leadership team of Dr. Snell and Executive Director, Dr. Eric Eshbach, will continue the great tradition of servant leadership that has been the standard for decades in the PA Principals Association.”

Dr. Eshbach was hired to fill the Assistant Executive Director position upon the retirement of Dr. Joseph Clapper. He began his duties with the Association in June 2020. Dr. Eshbach served as Superintendent of Northern York County School District in Dillsburg, Pa., for eight years. He retired from that position prior to assuming his current role.



Dr. Eric C. Eshbach

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Since his education career began in 1988, Dr. Eshbach has worked as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, teacher and professor at the undergraduate, graduate and principal certification levels.

Dr. Eshbach said, “When I joined the PA Principals Association as Assistant Executive Director, I was thrilled to work with Dr. Healey and was fully committed to the mission of this association! He has led an organization through a redevelopment and rebranding phase and has put us on the map as an organization that advocates for principals while also providing premier professional development and legal services. With Dr. Clapper’s help, Paul has ensured that the PA Principals Association is included in discussions on legislative issues. I look forward to serving as your next Executive Director and continuing to expand on the great foundation that has been laid. I also look forward to providing new services and opportunities for our members as K-12 education continues to evolve.”

Dr. Snell has served in his current position as Superintendent of Central York School District since 2009. He joined Central York School District as Assistant Superintendent in 2007. Dr. Snell also served as Assistant Superintendent of West York Area School District from 2003 through 2007; Principal of West York Area Middle School from 1998-2003; and Assistant Principal in the Hempfield School District from 1994-1998. He also taught social studies and civics locally from 1989-1994.

Dr. Snell received his Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from Temple University and his Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the same university. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education/Social Studies from Kutztown University.



Dr. Michael S. Snell

Additionally, Dr. Snell is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the National Council of Educational Research and Technology and the Urban Superintendent’s Association of America. He was named the 2018 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Snell published a book titled: *Clockwork: Time-Saving Routines and Tested Strategies for Success* and works with school leaders and teams interested in improving organization and leadership and has presented on this topic regionally. He was a keynote speaker at the PA Principals Association’s LEAD19 Conference.

“I look forward to serving as the Assistant Executive Director of the PA Principals Association and continuing my service in the field of education. Supporting principals and building level leaders has, and will continue to be, a passion of mine,” shared Dr. Snell.

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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 States.*