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Dr. Maureen D. Letcher Assumes Leadership of State Principals Association

(HARRISBURG, PA) — Maureen D. Letcher, D.Ed., Principal of Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School in the Hollidaysburg Area School District, Hollidaysburg, Pa., is the 2022-2024 President of the Pennsylvania Principals Association. The Pennsylvania Principals Association is the only professional organization in Pennsylvania dedicated to the support and well-being of school administrators with a special emphasis on elementary, middle and high school principals. Dr. Letcher has been a member of the association for 22 years.

Dr. Letcher has served in her current role as principal at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School since 2013, and as assistant principal at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School from 2009-2013. During her tenure as a principal, she has worked in a small rural school (a 7th to 12th-grade building), in a traditional junior high school (grades 7,8,9) and in a senior high school (grades 10,11,12). She began her career in education as an English teacher in the Williamsburg Community School District and also served as a dual enrollment English teacher for college speech and freshman composition at Allegheny College/Williamsburg School District.

Dr. Letcher said, "I am honored to represent the amazing principals and assistant principals across Pennsylvania. During my term, I will advocate for our members. I will do all I can to implement a support system for principals and assistant principals, and I will ensure that they feel valued, for it is the roles that they play in our districts that have made and will continue to make the education system in Pennsylvania to be one of the best that this country has to offer."

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Dr. Letcher most recently held the position of PA Principals Association President-Elect. She served on the PA Principals Board of Directors as the Central III Secondary Regional Representative from 2018-2019.

According to Dr. Eric C. Eshbach, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Principals Association, "Dr. Letcher has displayed her excellent leadership abilities at the local level as principal of Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. Her leadership has spread throughout the southwest region of Pennsylvania, as she serves as a mentor and colleague to many administrators in that area. I am excited that her leadership will now influence our entire state and am confident that she will continue to advance the signature services our association offers to its members."

Dr. Letcher is a member of the Blair County Principals Association and has served as its Chair since 2001. She is also a member of the Hollidaysburg Rotary Club, the Blair County of Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2017. In addition, Dr. Letcher serves on the Board of Directors for the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership as well as on the Board of Directors for the Women's Caucus of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA).

Dr. Letcher earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education English with a minor in political science from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She received a Master of Science in Secondary Guidance Counseling, her Principal Certification and a Doctorate in Administrative Leadership from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Letcher is the mother of two boys, Maxwell Baronner (17), and Mitchell Baronner (15). She has been married to Richard Baronner for 23 years. They reside in Duncansville, Pa.

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Dr. Maureen D. Letcher, President Pennsylvania Principals Association

About the Pennsylvania 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.