
Dr. Mina Ardestani To Receive Kades-Margolis Corporation's 2025 Mini-Grant Award



Dr. Mina Ardestani, principal of Dr. Richard F. McNichols Educational Plaza in the Scranton School District, has been selected as the recipient of the **2025 Mini-Grant Award**, sponsored by the

Kades-Margolis Corporation.

“We’re so grateful to the Kades-Margolis Corporation for this grant, which will help us launch a Student Government program at our PreK-4 elementary school. This opportunity will give our fourth graders a chance to grow as leaders, continue to learn about collaboration and responsibility and have a real voice in shaping their school community,” said Dr. Ardestani.

The goal of the program is to teach students about leadership, responsibility and

collaboration while providing them with opportunities to make decisions that impact their school. The funds will be used to provide materials and supplies for Student Government meetings; support student-led projects and schoolwide events; offer incentives and recognition for student participation and leadership; and enable the Student Government to make small, purposeful purchases that support school improvement or student well-being, based on student-identified needs.

The mini-grant is awarded annually to a current and practicing elementary principal or assistant principal who is also a member of the PA Principals Association. This one-time award of \$1,000 may be used to enhance the member’s elementary school and the children it serves.

The award will be presented to Dr. Ardestani in the fall.
