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Jonathan Bauer Begins Term as President of Pennsylvania Principals Association

(ENOLA, Pa.) — **Jonathan Bauer**, principal of Upper Merion Area High School has begun a two-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Principals Association.

Bauer, a 23-year member of the association, will serve as president through 2028. In his role, he will help guide the statewide organization's efforts to support principals, assistant principals, and other school leaders through professional development, advocacy, legal services and opportunities for connection and collaboration.

"I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve and support principals across Pennsylvania over the next two years," Bauer said. "I want to strengthen the association's engagement with its members and expand the support available to school leaders at every stage of their careers, from those completing principal induction to our most experienced administrators."

Bauer has served as principal of Upper Merion Area High School in the Upper Merion Area School District since 2005. He leads a school community of about 1,400 students and 160 staff members.

"Jonathan Bauer brings extensive leadership experience and a genuine commitment to supporting school leaders across Pennsylvania," said Eric C. Eshbach, executive director of the Pennsylvania Principals Association. "Throughout his service to the association, Jonathan has demonstrated a thoughtful, collaborative approach to leadership. I look forward to working with him as we continue strengthening the programs, services and advocacy we provide to our members."

During his tenure at Upper Merion Area High School, Bauer has led initiatives designed to expand educational opportunities and strengthen instruction. His work has included implementing a one-to-one laptop program, leading a districtwide detracking initiative in English, math, social studies and science and establishing professional learning communities to encourage collaboration among staff.

“Jonathan Bauer is the kind of leader every school district strives to have,” said Tamara Thomas Smith, superintendent of the Upper Merion Area School District. “Over more than two decades as a principal, he has never lost his drive to learn and remains as collaborative and open to new ideas today as when he first joined our community. Jonathan will serve colleagues across Pennsylvania with the same dedication and heart he brings to our students and staff every day.”

Before becoming president, Bauer served as president-elect of the Pennsylvania Principals Association. He previously served on the association’s board of directors as the East III Secondary State Director from 2013 to 2021 and as NASSP coordinator from 2021 to 2025. He also represented the association on the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors from 2016 to 2024 and participated in the National School Leaders Advocacy Conference from 2021 to 2024.

Bauer began his career in education as a mathematics teacher at Pottstown Middle School in 1995. He later taught at Wissahickon Middle School and served as assistant principal of Wissahickon High School before joining Upper Merion Area High School as principal.

His additional professional service includes serving as president of the Pioneer Athletic Conference from 2024 to 2026 after serving two years as vice president. He also completed the National Institute for School Leadership Executive Development Program and the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program.

Bauer earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education from Temple University and a master’s degree in educational administration from Gwynedd-Mercy College. He is also a member of the National Principals Association and ISTE+ASCD.

Bauer resides in King of Prussia with his wife, son and daughter. Both of his children attend Upper Merion Area High School.

**Jonathan Bauer, President
Pennsylvania Principals
Association**



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About the Pennsylvania Principals Association: The Pennsylvania Principals Association is the only professional organization in Pennsylvania dedicated to supporting the professional needs and well-being of school administrators, with a special emphasis on elementary, middle and high school principals. With approximately 3,500 members, the association represents elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders across Pennsylvania and is affiliated with the National Principals Association (NPA).

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.*

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