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**Ms. Shelley Ramirez, Assistant Principal at Thompson Elementary in Bethel SD, Named 2019 Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year**

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**OLYMPIA** -- Thompson Elementary Assistant Principal Shelley Ramirez (Bethel PS) was named this year's Washington State Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year by a panel of principals representing the Elementary School Principals Association of Washington, a component of the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP).

Those that nominated Ms. Ramirez said the following about her work:

Shelley Ramirez is an outstanding leader, motivator and coalition builder. In her four years as assistant principal at Thompson Elementary School, she has been instrumental in supporting staff, parents and students in placing a focus on learning. She brings people together around a shared goal and allows them to solve problems as a group that no one of them could solve individually.

Shelley thrives in building relationships with people, knowing that a good relationship is the catalyst to creating meaningful work and outcomes. She genuinely cares about people's well-being. She is visible in the community by interacting with students and families at events, sports, and community activities.



The Executive Board from the Elementary School Principals Association of Washington said the following about Ms. Ramirez:

Through her leadership and implementation of Academic Success Expectations to reinforce and support the high rigor and expectations of their students, the staff worked to create a communication plan so that there was consistency kindergarten through fifth grade in partnership with their parents. Over the past two years they have continued to refine and develop the system which has created a myriad of success of individual students and the culture of universal treatment at their school.

Shelley Ramirez will be honored for her accomplishments at the June 2019 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference in Spokane, and recognized nationally at the 2019 National Principals Conference in Boston with other state Assistant Principals of the Year. See a list of past state winners and learn more about the award at [www.awsp.org/APOY](http://www.awsp.org/APOY).

**STATE COMPONENTS**

Elementary School Principals of Washington (ESPAW)  
Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP)  
Washington Association of Secondary School Principals (WASSP)

**NATIONAL COMPONENTS**

National Association of Elementary School Principals (ESPAW)  
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)