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## **Erin Lucich Wins the 2025 AWSP President's Award**

*Erin Lucich fosters strong connections for school leaders in ESD 112*



**OLYMPIA** — Every year, the AWSP Board President selects an educational leader to receive the AWSP President's Award. The award goes to someone who is a relentless advocate for principals and assistant principals, and the principalship, in the education of each and every student (AWSP's mission). Woody Howard, the 2024-25 AWSP Board President and principal at Ben Franklin Elementary School in Vancouver Public Schools, selected Erin Lucich this year. Erin is the Director of School Improvement and Educational Leadership in ESD 112.

"Being a school principal is a complex job. Erin has worked to ensure principals in Southwest Washington can connect with ESD 112, AWSP, and each other to receive the support they need in order to meet the needs of the students and families they serve. Her experience and keen insights are truly appreciated and make her deserving of the President's Award," says Woody.

Through Erin's work with AWSP, she has become [School Leader Paradigm](#) certified, meaning that she is qualified to train other school leaders on AWSP's Paradigm model of "becoming while doing." The Paradigm addresses the intelligences of the school leader (personal, social and systems) and then moves leaders into reflecting on their ability to navigate the various contexts in which they lead (individual, school, community, and political).

Erin is also a member of [Next Level Leaders](#), a two-year Leadership Development Academy dedicated to preparing leaders to conquer complex challenges and thrive in their role.

The AWSP President's Award was presented to Erin on May 14 at ESD 112 by AWSP President Woody Howard and AWSP Deputy Director Jack Arend.

"Erin understands that when school leaders are equipped with the right tools and support, entire school communities thrive. Her leadership is a powerful example of what's possible when educators are supported and inspired," says Jack.

In facilitating leadership development in ESD 112, Erin's support of school and district leaders has aligned with AWSP's effort to grow, support, and sustain principals and the principalship. Her "can-do" philosophy is one of many reasons she was chosen for this year's award.