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**OSPI Associate Director Ann Gray Wins AWSP Presidents' Award**

*Gray and team help current and future principals in partnership with AWSP*

**OLYMPIA** — Each year, the AWSP Board President selects someone 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 (our AWSP mission). This year, 2022-23 AWSP Board President Brent Osborn, principal at Lakeside High School in the Nine Mile Falls School District, selected Ann Gray. She is the Associate Director of Educator Effectiveness in the Educator Growth and Development division at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).



Gray worked hard this year to support many AWSP programs, including the AWSP Leadership Framework, our principal mentoring program, and the leadership intern grant. In addition to supporting those programs, she was a member of AWSP's Student Growth Goals Workgroup. The group met several times this past school year to update the student growth goals for the state evaluation system.

Before her current role, Gray was a Leadership Development Coordinator/Principal Induction and Support Building Principal in Seattle Public Schools and a Director of Project Implementation/Principal in Federal Way Public Schools. More recently, she's worked for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe as an elementary principal, as program manager for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, and as the assistant principal of a dual language school in the Shelton School District.

With the help of Ann and her team, current and future principals and assistant principals will be better equipped. Her work aligns with AWSP's effort to grow, support, and sustain principals and the principalship.

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