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Mt. Vernon School District Assistant Principal Megan Mauro is the 2022 Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year

LaVenture Middle School assistant principal is a visionary who doesn't stop at the vision.

OLYMPIA – Megan Mauro, assistant principal at LaVenture Middle School in the Mount Vernon School District, was named this year's Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year. Every year, the Association of Washington School Principals selects a state winner. Mauro will also be recognized at the national level by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), where she will compete with winners from other states for the NASSP's National Assistant Principal of the Year award, announced in early April.



Described as a visionary leader who “walks the walk” and turns vision into action, Mauro focuses on social justice and raises the bar for students and staff alike, all with a positive attitude. A master of eliciting student voice, Mauro pushes all students to be challenged and has a passion for supporting the underdogs.

“Megan is unique because she is a rare combination of deep professional knowledge, superb interpersonal skills, and boundless energy. She makes our school a warm, welcoming, and productive place,” said LaVenture principal Dave Riddle. He added, “Our school culture is very much one where distributed leadership is valued, and Megan actively empowers both adults and students in leadership roles. Megan believes in the leadership potential of every child.”

One of Mauro's many strengths is her ability to harness data to guide decision-making. Her gift is using data to identify the gaps and needs that make real differences in the students' lives when properly addressed. Early in the pandemic, she threw her entire energy into making sure all students had what they needed to be healthy and well-fed, as well as the access needed to be successful in remote learning. She championed the cause of those students most in need of in-person instruction, and as a result, LaVenture offered robust in-person programs throughout the 2020-21 school year.

LaVenture's students come from diverse neighborhoods, help grow and harvest food that feeds the state and the country, speak multiple languages, and have incredible familial and cultural assets. Mauro and the leadership team support their students' preparation for a globally competitive society by providing access to engaging and challenging curricular programs, including dual language, AVID, highly capable, and an inclusive Life Skills program.

Mauro's daily goal is to empower their staff to lean into opportunities to grow together, and to draw on their collective creativity and strength to make positive changes for their students.

National Assistant Principal of the Year Program

NASSP selects a [National Assistant Principal of the Year](#) during National AP Week, held this year during the week of April 4–8, 2022. Mauro will be honored in July at the National Principals Conference with winners from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, and the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools.

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