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MoASSP Principal,

I was energized by the MoASSP Principals, they were so upbeat, Dr. Margie Vandeven. Three times in three days our commissioner has spoken in front of groups of administrative educators and the last two times she sang the praises of our conference attendees and the session she had with the Secondary School Principals (SSP). It does not surprise me. Who is better to be uplifting, passionate about their job, and have hope for education in Missouri than SSP's. That is what you do; influence beyond your building. Everyone should be like you.

[Thank you, to the MoASSP board members](#) for their commitment to serving the principals of Missouri. Their input, leadership, and guidance have continued to propel the organization forward. They have developed relationships with the principals in the districts, the DESE representatives, college professors of Ed. Leadership, and even their state legislators. They volunteer some of their school time and personal time to give back to a profession they love. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the MoASSP Board of Directors.

Congratulations to our Award Selections – You are all Consummate Professionals. We know you are either on your way or have mastered many of the main competencies of a “Transformational Principal”: Visionary, Instructional Leader, Innovative, Relational and Managerial.



Beth Middendorf
AP of the Year

Renee Trotier
HS Prin. of the YR

Sherri Lewis
MS Prin. of the YR

David Geurin
NASSP Digital Prin. of the YR

See photos of all of our MoASSP/Walsworth Consummate Professional Selections, and all of the honorees at MoASSP.com

Spring Conference (See Photos) – Thank you to everyone who attended the MoASSP Spring Conference and helped make it a big success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the “culture” of the event. Our breakouts were excellent, the keynote speakers were outstanding, and the networking opportunities allowed many to share successes and interesting stories. Maybe next year's conferences will draw even more to share in what we can offer each other. I feel really good about the wonderful principals we have leading our schools and how sharing successes is improving the quality of education

across the state. Maybe next year we can push the attendance a little closer to the MASA representation of nearly 400 principals at our conference. Why should they corner the market on sharing, caring, and inspiring?

Principals and Superintendents – As the principals were leaving the Lodge on Tuesday the superintendents were moving into the resort for their conference. As a member of the Education Roundtable, I am lucky enough to attend the superintendent's awards banquet and visit with old friends and acquaintances. It is always a fun and rewarding evening and it is encouraging to see so many former principals running school districts and leading the MASA organization. Leadership of the MASA hails from St. Louis to Kansas City and the other four corners of the state. It is great to see the camaraderie that exists between the members of their organization.

Your needs and the need of those in your charge – A few comments that were brought to our attention about the concerns, programs, and the future of education in Missouri:

- There is a concern about helping students with mental health and trauma awareness in schools
- There are many outstanding business and community relationships connecting work to school
- There needs to be more clarification on what needs to be reported to law enforcement with harassment and bullying
- Communication with DESE is on the verge of being excellent and DESE is open to meeting with principals to share ideas about MSIP6 (Virtually everyone wants a new ed system, BUT when asked what it looks like....it's in essence a prettier version of what we have. [#SuPR17](#)) Got an idea? Share it!
- Paying for the ACT for every junior might be in jeopardy. The "assessment budget" is a line item that is not part of the Education budget and is not controlled by DESE. The legislators determine the amount of money in the assessment budget.

A few quotes from this week's MoASSP and MASA conferences:

- "The meaning of life is to find your gift; the purpose of life is to give it away." Pablo Picasso
- We must harness the abundance that is outside our school walls - businesses, non-profits, David Steward
- B students get jobs working for A students in companies owned by C students... we are missing too much brilliance in our schools. [Justin Tarte #SuPR17](#)

Assistant Principals Week April 10-14 - We hope you will join MoASSP, NASSP and others across the country in celebrating [National Assistant Principals Week](#). The [NASSP toolkit for state affiliates](#) is always a great place to start when promoting an NASSP event. In it, you will find guidance and sample content, such as social media posts, newsletter blurbs, and more, that can be used before, during, and after AP Week.

2017 Professional Learning Series for the core area and STEAM/arts -

[Registration is open](#) for the 2017 Professional Learning Series. A variety of professional learning opportunities in both implementation and integration of the Missouri Learning Standards in mathematics, English language arts, social studies, science and STEAM/arts integration will be offered at no cost in Jefferson City. The one-day workshops are scheduled for the week of [June 12-16](#). Each workshop will be designed for school and/or teacher leaders to share information with other Missouri educators.

Principals Leadership is Critical – **Is your school traditional? Want to fix it?** According to Latham, “if the schools profiled in Humanizing the Education Machine taught us anything, we know that visionary leadership is both possible and effective. The principal’s leadership is critical for unlocking the creative expertise of the classroom teacher.”

Colorado, improvement, not proficiency – The more we know about how to measure student growth the better tools we have to monitor our schools and more importantly make learning meaningful for every student.

Trump/DeVos - The Trump budget would slash \$9 billion—13 percent of the U.S. Department of Education’s funding—while investing \$1.4 billion of new money in school choice, including private school vouchers, sending a clear signal that the Trump administration prioritizes ideologically driven voucher schemes over great public schools. Missouri would stand to lose close to 60 Million. 40 million from the Title II funds, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants and the Title IV funds that support the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Use the gifts you have been given and give them away. (Les Norman) For good and great principals, that it is just a part of the job. It really is the Principal of the Thing.