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Alexandria Principal Brendan Bogart Honored with MESPA Western Division Leadership Award

[Roseville, MN, December 2, 2025] — In recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to educational excellence, Brendan Bogart, principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Alexandria Public Schools, has been named the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA) Western Division Leadership Award recipient.

The Division Leadership Award honors principals who go above and beyond to support and strengthen their colleagues in their geographic region—an effort that, in turn, uplifts schools, educators, and students across Minnesota. Bogart's selection highlights his steadfast commitment to collaboration, mentorship, and advocacy for educational leadership in the state's western region.

"Brendan Bogart is a model of servant leadership," said Michelle Krell, MESPA Executive Director. "His ability to inspire, connect, and lead by example has made a lasting impact not only within his school but throughout the entire Western Division. He represents the heart of what it means to be a principal who lifts others to lead."

Bogart's leadership has guided Lincoln Elementary to remarkable achievements, including being recognized as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School for Exemplary High Performance. In 2023, Bogart was honored nationally as a NAESP National Distinguished Principal, one of the highest recognitions for elementary school leaders in the country.

Within MESPA, Bogart has served in several leadership capacities, including Western Division President-Elect, Western Division President, and Membership Committee member—roles through which he has fostered collaboration and professional growth among his peers.

“It is an honor to be recognized by colleagues who work tirelessly day-in and day-out for students and families,” said Bogart. “We are all better together as a leading voice for education in Minnesota.”

Known for his thoughtful and steady leadership, Bogart is guided by a personal philosophy that reflects both humility and purpose: “Don’t mind the children never listen to you, mind they are always watching you.”

As MESPA continues its mission to support and empower elementary school principals across the state, Bogart’s recognition underscores the power of shared leadership and the ripple effect of strong, community-centered education.

About MESPA

The Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association is the premier leadership resource for elementary and middle-level principals, dedicated to supporting and connecting school leaders. MESPA’s mission is to ensure that every child in Minnesota receives a high-quality, inclusive education by empowering principals as the critical leaders of their schools.

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