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Mr. Sean Healy, Olympus Junior High School Principal, Named California's Assistant Principal of the Year

April 16, 2015 – Mr. Sean Healy, current School Principal and Former Assistant Principal of Olympus Junior High School has been named the California State Assistant Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Designated a state winner in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National Assistant Principal of the Year program, Mr. Healy was California's nominee to National Assistant Principal of the Year competition.

Mr. Healy served as Assistant Principal of Olympus Junior High School, for four years prior to being named Principal beginning in the 2014-15 school year. His leadership skills were recognized at the local, state and national levels.

"I am truly honored and grateful for this recognition. I work with a tremendous team of educators at Olympus Jr. High School and the Eureka Union School District. I have only worked at one school in my career in education. This honor is a reflection of the Olympus and Eureka Union School District staff, students, community and quality education that the students receive there. I am grateful to be a part of this outstanding school and district and I look forward to making even bigger contributions in the future," commented Mr. Healy.

"School leadership is too large a job for any one individual to take on. You need a team of leaders who assume the authority and the responsibility for advancing the learning of each student in the school," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "The assistant principal is a crucial member of that leadership team, and NASSP is proud to honor models of excellence in the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year program." The NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year program annually honors a winner from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

All state winners were honored at a two-day event in Washington, D.C., April 15-17, 2015. During the event, assistant principals met with their elected officials to discuss legislation that impacts education, participate in professional development and networking opportunities with NASSP staff and their peers, and were officially recognized for their achievement during an awards program. Mr. Healy, accompanied by Mrs. Healy, and Mrs. Rooney, accompanied by Mr. Rooney had the honor of meeting with Congressman Tom McClintock in his office on Capitol Hill to discuss the specific needs of the California schools, specifically related to the additional funding flexibility, technological funding support and the ongoing need for high quality teacher preparation programs and professional development to ensure that our students are guided by highly training professionals in our classrooms.

"The Eureka Union School District, Placer County and the entire State of California are extremely proud of Mr. Healy's demonstrated leadership. His profound impact upon thousands of students, staff and families has been honored and truly recognized. Mr. Healy represents the finest attributes of leadership in our schools. He is most deserving of this outstanding recognition," stated Linda Rooney, Superintendent, Eureka Union School District, who attended the recognition and awards ceremony with Mr. Healy in Washington, D.C.

Additional information about the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year program can be found at <u>www.nassp.org/apoy</u>.

About NASSP

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the leading organization of and voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and school leaders from across the United States and 35 countries around the world. The association connects and engages school leaders through advocacy, research, education, and student programs. NASSP advocates on behalf of all school leaders to ensure the success of each student and strengthens school leadership practices through the design and delivery of high quality professional learning experiences. Reflecting its long-standing commitment to student leadership development,

NASSP administers the <u>National Honor Society</u>, <u>National Junior Honor Society</u>, <u>National Elementary Honor Society</u>, and <u>National Association of Student Councils</u>.