

## In the ZONE!

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**Welcome to Zone 4** in affiliation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). My name is Nancy Meador and I serve as Director of Zone 4 on the NAESP Board of Directors. If you are a member of NAESP and reside in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands . . . you are a part of NAESP's Zone 4.

NAESP recently held the **Federal Relations Conference** in Washington D.C. The focus of the conference was centered on *“The Power of the Principal: Advocacy in Action.”* Four states in Zone 4 participated in the Federal Relations Conference. Conference participants spent a day on Capitol Hill meeting with congressional leaders. NAESP crafted eight research-based recommendations to help guide federal policies. These recommendations include:

1. Acknowledge the core competencies of effective school principals
2. Dedicate on-going professional development that strengthens principals' core competencies
3. Support standards-based induction and mentoring programs for early career principals
4. Strengthen elementary principals knowledge of early childhood education
5. Encourage comprehensive, fair, and objective principal evaluation systems at the local level
6. Reinforce support for principals as key ingredients in School Improvement Plans
7. Develop accountability systems that include growth models and multiple measures
8. Support innovative models and empower principals to drive their implementation

Thanks to the following Zone 4 members who “went to the Hill” to represent principals in the southeastern region of the U.S.:

AL	Earl Franks	Executive Director
AL	Jim Chesnutt	Assistant Executive Director
AL	Cynthia Toles-Woods	NAESP Board of Directors
FL	Janet Knott	State President
FL	Bonnie Cangelosi	State President-elect
GA	Bob Heaberlin	State Representative
GA	Eddie Pollard	State Federal Relations Coordinator
TN	Ernest Bentley	Executive Director
TN	Nancy Meador	NAESP Board of Directors

Come to Seattle, Wash., March 22-24, 2012 for the [NAESP 2012 Annual Conference BEST PRACTICES FOR BETTER SCHOOLS™](#). Plan to be in Seattle to learn from a stellar collection of education experts joining Rafe Esquith on the speaker roster: **Diane Ravitch, Richard DuFour, Rebecca DuFour, Douglas Reeves, Andrew Hargreaves, Eric Jensen, Rick Stiggins, Yong Zhao, Michael Chirichello, Michael Conyers and Donna Wilson, Justin Baeder, Malachi Pancoast, and Charlotte Danielson**, plus many more.

Learn more at [www.naesp.org/2012](http://www.naesp.org/2012).

Congratulations and thanks are extended to the following Zone 4 principals and education leaders who have accepted positions and responsibilities on national level committees affiliated with NAESP and Zone 4:

Cynthia Toles-Woods	AL	NAESP Board of Directors (Director, Minority)
Jan Palmer	AL	NAESP Resolutions Committee
TBA	----	NAESP Resolutions Committee (alt.)
Marian Crum-Mack	SC	NAESP Nominating Committee
Cecil Patterson	GA	NAESP Nominating Committee (alt.)
Janet Knott	FL	NAESP Credentials Committee
Cheryl McKeever	FL	NAESP Membership Committee
Teresa Dennis	TN	NAESP Membership Committee (alt.)
Linda Irwin	TN	NAESP Principal Evaluation Committee
TBA	TBA	NAESP By-Laws Revision Committee
Sharon McNary	TN	Zone 4, Southeastern Council President
Sara Moore	NC	Zone 4, Southeastern Council Secretary
Lydia D. Davenport	AL	Zone 4, Southeastern Council President-elect

Zone 4's **State Presidents** are listed below. Our **State Presidents** are in "key" leadership roles at both the state and national levels. We appreciate their service and support!

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### **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

March	22-24	NAESP Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
July	19-20	NAESP National Leaders Conference

### **NAESP Mission Statement**

*The mission of the National Association of Elementary School Principals is to lead in the advocacy and support for elementary and middle level principals and other education leaders in their commitment to all children.*

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