Dear VASSP Member:

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected leaders who will take office on July 1st!

**President-elect, 2020-2021**

Mr. Donald D. Vale, principal, Thomas Harrison Middle School, Harrisonburg Division.

Don has 42 years of experience in public education with nearly three decades of experience in administration at the middle and high school, and central office. Don served two terms as Region 5 Director and is a former NASSP State Coordinator for Virginia. He previously served as president of VASSP in 2003–2004. Don is now in a position to be one of only three school principals to have twice served VASSP as its president. Mr. Cecil Layman, Augusta Division, served 1970–1972 and again 1985–1986. Mr. Lawrence “Larry” W. Lenz, Essex Division, served 2001–2002 and again 2008–2009. Larry is Vice President Emeritus of the Virginia Foundation for Educational Leadership.

**Region 1 Director, 2020-2021**

Mrs. Kelley Gray, principal, New Kent Middle School, New Kent Division.

Kelley has been elected to fulfill Mrs. Jennifer Rucker’s unexpired term through June 30, 2021. Kelley spent several years in the Roanoke City Division as a middle school teacher and elementary ITRT and served in the Floyd Division. During her tenure in the York Division, Kelley served as an ITRT for grades K-12, and was recognized as a Microsoft Innovative Educator. She was a high school assistant principal in York before taking her current position.

I want to thank Mrs. Jennifer S. Rucker for her leadership on the VASSP board of directors. Jennifer served Region 1 (2015–2020). Early last fall Jennifer became the director of equity and student support services in the Chesterfield Division. She had previously been the coordinator of professional learning there. She was principal of Goochland Middle School, Goochland Division, an assistant principal at Charlottesville High School, Charlottesville Division, and director of school counseling for Varina High School and school counselor at Highland Springs High School both in the Henrico Division.

**Region 5 Director, 2020-2023**

Ms. Kim Halterman, principal, Susan G. Gibson Science & Technology Center, Bedford Division.

Kim has 14 years in educational leadership and is in her sixth year of service in career-technical education. Kim served as an elementary school principal and assistant principal. She began her professional career in the Botetourt Division.

**Region 8 Director, 2020-2023**

Dr. Francis Poldi Moreno, principal, Appomattox High School, Appomattox Division.

Poldi served Region 8 for one year before being elected to a full-term, 2020–2023. Poldi has been principal of Appomattox County High School since 2015. Prior to becoming a principal, Poldi worked as an assistant principal at both the middle and high school levels. His background includes being a Spanish teacher, student activities coordinator, and head coach of several sports.

**Region 4 Director, 2020-2023**

As previously stated in my last email, the VASSP Board of Directors will be appointing a member to serve as Region 4 Director at its regular board meeting on September 28.

Ms. Kimberly Greer, Director At-Large, will Vacate that VASSP Board position on June 30, 2020. The VASSP Board of Directors has nominated her for appointment to the NASSP Board of Directors. She will fulfill the Virginia vacancy on the national board due to the retirement of Mrs. Carole Kihm. Although Kim will serve on the national board, she will continue to serve on the VASSP board as an ex officio. Kim has 13 years of administrative experience and leads a high school ranked number two in the Commonwealth of Virginia by US NEWS and WORLD REPORT. The VASSP Board will appoint a Director At-Large at its September meeting to fulfill the term through 2022.
Carole has been the longtime principal of Longfellow Middle School, Fairfax County Division. She was the 2014 Outstanding Middle School Principal of Virginia, and was the 2009 First Year Principal of the Year for Fairfax County Public Schools. She has served as a teacher, counselor, director of student services, and administrator in K-9 for three decades. She served on the VASSP Board of Directors as NASSP State Coordinator for Virginia, 2014–2020. We will miss her leadership and wish her well in a retirement!

I wish my successor, **Dr. Timothy L. Healey**, principal, Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School, Prince William Division, all the best in his tenure and the work ahead. Tim was elected last year as President-elect and assumes the Office of President effective the first of next month.

Sincerely,

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