

National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year for Colorado

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Englewood, February 9, 2015 – Susan Flores, Assistant Principal of Ellicott Elementary School, has been named the 2015 National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year for Colorado by the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) and will represent Colorado in the National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year award program.

An educator for over 17 years, Flores is in her second year as assistant principal at Ellicott Elementary School. In this role, she restored the Response to Intervention (RtI) process to Ellicott School District, reduced the testing window time, and trained the staff on data informed decision-making processes. The shift in processes and philosophy in regards to RtI has resulted in teachers, parents and students considering this program a valuable one generating both academic and behavioral gains. By modifying how students are assessed and the development of the intervention groups, students needing additional support were identified and helped up to four weeks earlier than the previous year. Finally, in accordance with best practices, Flores worked with staff on how to triangulate data and make data informed decisions.

Dr. Patrick Cullen, Superintendent of Ellicott School District and having a career that spans four decades, describes Flores as “one of the most dynamic educational leaders I have served with throughout my career.”

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CAESP

Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals

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Colorado Association of School Personnel Administrators

CASSA

Colorado Association of Superintendents and Senior Administrators

CASSP

Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals

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Upon being notified of this honor, Flores stated, “While there are many deserving candidates, I am honored and humbled to have been selected for this award and recognized by my peers and educational leaders in Colorado.” She adds, “This is an affirmation of the remarkable work of the Ellicott staff, students, and community. As well as a result of what can be accomplished when different groups of people come together for a common goal.”

Ellicott Elementary School is located east of Colorado Springs and is part of Ellicott School District. Having a student population of 575 students, Ellicott Elementary has a diverse student population where 70% of the students receive free/reduced price meals.

Flores was selected for this honor by her peers through a rigorous and competitive process facilitated by the Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals (CAESP), a department of CASE and affiliate of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). The National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year program is sponsored by NAESP.

“Studies indicate that principal leadership is second only to strong instruction when it comes to impacting student achievement,” stated CASE Executive Director Bruce Caughey. “CASE is proud to honor Susan Flores and to recognize the leadership she has demonstrated at Ellicott Elementary School and throughout her education career.”

The award recognizes exceptional leadership of those responsible for the day-to-day operations of PreK-8 schools. By recognizing their efforts, the award instills pride in their accomplishments and reinforces their leadership in helping children develop a lifelong love of learning.

CASE and CAESP will formally present Flores with her award at an upcoming school event on February 18. She and other CASE award winners also will be recognized at an awards ceremony this spring, as well as at the 46th Annual CASE Education Leadership Convention this summer in Breckenridge.

The Colorado Association of School Executives (www.co-case.org) is the preeminent professional association for public school administrators in Colorado. The organization’s mission is to empower Colorado education leaders through advocacy, professional learning and networking to deliver on the promise of public education.

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