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## **WASA to Celebrate Public Schools Week**

*School administrators join national public education celebration March 12-16*

**OLYMPIA** — Washington school administrators are encouraging educators and all who support public education to participate in Public Schools Week next week, March 12-16.

The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), is one of thousands of educational groups representing principals, superintendents, parents and other civic organizations celebrating Public Schools Week, honoring the achievements public schools are making in this state and country, as well as the critical roles they play in developing future generations of successful students. Ninety percent of students in the United States attend a public school, according to The School Superintendents Association.

“Strengthening public schools is one of the best ways to ensure a promising future for our children and for communities all across Washington,” said **Bill Keim**, WASA executive director. “Every day, public school educators are finding new ways to support children from all backgrounds and abilities achieve their true potential. This love of public education is what guides our work at WASA every day, and is at the core of why we will come together to celebrate Public Schools Week next week.”

As part of Public Schools Week, 50 national organizations will introduce a joint statement in support of public education on March 15 to promote the positive impact public schools have on our nation’s young people and the communities in which they live. To maintain this momentum, Members of Congress supporting this movement will share success stories about the schools and students from their respective districts.

“Communities are stronger and schools are better when we work in unison to support them and the axis of that support is public education,” said **Daniel A. Domenech**, executive director, AASA, The School Superintendents Association. “There is no better time than now to speak out about the outstanding contributions made by our public schools. With the mounting changes in the education

landscape, Public Schools Week creates a platform for Americans to express their feelings toward public school systems and why their success is a key determinant when it comes to our country's future."

To track the campaign on social media channels, follow the tags #PublicSchoolsWeek and #LovePublicEducation.

***About the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA):***

*WASA ([www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org)) is a non-profit organization committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful, valuable training, support, and resources. WASA also strives to sustain a positive impact on legislative and community leaders. Membership is open to education administrators in Washington state.*