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## **Northshore Superintendent Named Washington State Superintendent of the Year**

*Focus on racial and educational justice for all students is a top priority for  
Superintendent Michelle Reid*

**OLYMPIA** — Dr. Michelle Reid, superintendent of the Northshore School District, was named the 2021 Superintendent of the Year on Wednesday by the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). The announcement was made during a special virtual presentation held after WASA's Superintendent Component meeting.

The award is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, front-line superintendents and pay tribute to those who lead Washington's public schools.

"During her time as superintendent of the Northshore School District, Dr. Reid has worked tirelessly to build an inclusive school community committed to excellence and opportunity for all students," said WASA Executive Director Joel Aune. "She has made exceptional efforts to engage and involve all stakeholders in this endeavor, including students. Dr. Reid's commitment to incorporating student voice into these conversations sets a tone that students come first in Northshore."

Aune added, "Dr. Reid has led the work to remove barriers and increase access to academic programs for traditionally underserved students. The Northshore School District is committed to restorative justice practices and social emotional learning. This system-wide emphasis has produced impressive results, as on time graduation rates, enrollment in post-secondary programs, and earned degrees are evidence of a system that is working for kids."

"We congratulate Michelle and the entire Northshore community on this well-deserved honor," said Aune.

Dr. Reid expressed her gratitude for the honor and for the opportunity to work with the entire Northshore community.

"The Superintendent of the Year award for the state of Washington is bigger than just me. It represents everyone in our community who has walked beside me every step of the way," said Reid. "This award recognizes the work of each of our curious and hard-working students, our inspiring and innovative staff, our visionary school board, our generous community partners, and our thoughtfully engaged families who call our Northshore School District home. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to continuing our work toward a system that is based on social and educational justice and excellence for all students.

"In our house, we understand that learning happens best in community, and for the strength, resilience, and perseverance lived out every day throughout our community, I am eternally grateful," she said. "I am deeply honored to accept this award on behalf of all the dedicated educational leaders in our state and want to remind us that together, all things are possible."

Northshore School District has 35 schools, with an enrollment of close to 24,000, and employs 1,388 classified and 1,732 certificated staff.

Reid joined the district as superintendent in 2016. Previously, Reid served as a superintendent for South Kitsap School District and as an assistant principal, principal, and deputy associate superintendent in Port Angeles School District. Reid received her doctorate in education and master's degree in educational administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in natural science/chemistry from the University of Puget Sound.

In addition to her district responsibilities, Reid serves both the Bothell Kenmore and Woodinville Chambers of Commerce. She is also on the executive board for the Washington Alliance for Better Schools, a National Superintendent Roundtable member, and the Washington Statewide Remote Learning Task Force.

As the state's Superintendent of the Year, Reid will be a candidate for the 2021 American Association of School Administrators' National Superintendent of the Year Award. The national award will be announced in February during the AASA National Conference on Education.

In conjunction with the award, Washington's Superintendent of the Year will receive a \$1,000 check from D.A. Davidson & Company to use toward a school or educational program of their choice.

Past recipients of the WASA Superintendent of the Year Award include:

- 2020: Greg Baker, Bellingham PS

- 2019: Michael Nelson, Enumclaw SD
- 2018: Frank Hewins, Franklin Pierce SD
- 2017: Gary Cohn, Everett PS
- 2016: Steve Webb, Vancouver PS **\*\*National Superintendent of the Year Finalist\*\***
- 2015: Dennis Kip Herren, Auburn SD
- 2014: Edward Vargas, Kent SD
- 2013: Saundra Hill, Pasco SD
- 2012: Patti Banks, University Place SD
- 2011: Mary Alice Heuschel, Renton SD **\*\*National Superintendent of the Year Finalist\*\***
- 2010: Steve Chestnut, Selah SD
- 2009: Mark Johnson, Nooksack Valley SD
- 2008: Linda Byrnes, Arlington SD
- 2007: Larry Nyland, Marysville SD **\*\*National Superintendent of the Year Finalist\*\***

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

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