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**Eatonville Superintendent
Krestin Bahr Elected WASA President-elect
*Bahr to lead statewide professional association for school administrators***

OLYMPIA—The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) is pleased to announce that members have elected Krestin Bahr, superintendent of Eatonville School District, as WASA president-elect for 2018–19. Bahr will assume the presidency in July 2019, following the term of the current president, Dr. Randy Russell, superintendent of Freeman School District.

Bahr has been an active member of WASA since 2011 and served in a variety of association positions, including WASA Board member; WASA Small Schools chair; WASA 110-Pierce County Lead, Superintendent Advisory Board; WASA Representative PLU.M. Ed. Admin. PEAB; and member of the Women in Leadership Planning Task Force. She was also the Superintendent Environmental Education Collaborative Champion for 2017–18 and the Nisqually Land Trust Partner of the Year for 2017.

“Krestin Bahr’s outstanding work as both an administrator in the Tacoma School District, and most recently as superintendent of the Eatonville School District, will serve her well as WASA’s president-elect,” said Joel Aune, WASA executive director. “Since 2011, Krestin has been heavily involved with WASA, earning the respect of the association’s membership. She is a true servant-leader who will look to advance and further strengthen the work of WASA in our support of the membership and in our efforts to influence education policy for the benefit of all students,” he said. “We congratulate Krestin and look forward to working with her in the years to come.”

"I am deeply grateful and honored to be selected as the next WASA president," said Bahr. "As we envision our challenges and opportunities, I am so excited to work with our members to advocate for an educational system that supports all members and keeps a laser-like focus on children. As part of

WASA, I am honored to be part of one of the premier organizations in the nation that is determined and trustworthy," she added. "Thank you for the opportunity to serve."

As WASA president, Bahr's goals are to:

- Provide servant leadership and support for all WASA members.
- Advocate and influence decision makers on legislative changes for funding and instructional initiatives.
- Provide excellent, relevant professional learning to all of our members.
- Celebrate the wonderful public education provided by our educators throughout the state.

Bahr received her superintendent credentials from Washington State University. She also holds a Master of Arts of education in educational leadership, from City University and a Bachelor of Arts in biological science from Pacific Lutheran University.

Prior to her work in Eatonville, Bahr worked in the Tacoma School District where she was director of secondary education for middle schools; project manager of a school improvement grant; middle school principal; assistant middle school principal; and a science and health teacher at both the high school and middle school levels.

About the Washington Association of School Administrators

The [Washington Association of School Administrators](#) is committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful and valuable training, support, and resources to education leaders, and to sustain a positive impact on legislative and community leaders. With more than 1,600 members, membership is open to all education administrators in central office, building management, and educational agency positions. A not-for-profit organization, WASA is funded by membership dues and association events.

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