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Northshore Superintendent Named National 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, has been named the 2021 AASA National Superintendent of the Year. The announcement was made earlier today at the (virtual) [National Conference on Education](#), hosted by [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#).

In [a video](#), Reid thanked her district, her community, her family and her peers for their support in the wake of the announcement.

“Thank you to AASA and to all my colleagues in Washington state and around the country. We would not have made it through this past year if it were not for our ability to lean into one another,” said Reid. “Learning happens best in a community, and we are such a strong community. As I have shared with our students, staff and families, we have more days of remote learning behind us than we have ahead of us,” she added.

“We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we must remember as leaders to be the light in the tunnel.”

Reid joined the district as superintendent in 2016. Previously, she served as a superintendent for the South Kitsap School District and as an assistant principal, principal, and deputy associate superintendent in the 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. She has been a conference keynote presenter, STEM panel participant and has been a leadership facilitator at both the University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership and the Harvard Institute for School Leadership.

"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."

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

The other National Superintendent of the Year® finalists were:

- Bryan Johnson, Hamilton County Schools, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Khalid Mumin, Reading School District, Reading, Pa.
- Christy Perry, Salem-Kizer Public Schools, Salem, Ore.

A \$10,000 college scholarship will be presented in the name of the 2021 AASA National Superintendent of the Year® to a student in the high school from which the superintendent graduated, or the school now serving the same area.

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