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AESA has a new Executive Director!

Joan H. Wade, Executive Director

As the new Executive Director of AESA, I am excited to be part of the future for Educational Services Agencies (ESAs) nationwide. I have long been a part of AESA, working for over 20 years in two different ESA's, 15 of those years as a Chief Education Officer (CEO). I have also served on the Executive Council for AESA.

ESAs are more important than ever in today's educational landscape. From experience, I know that AESA is the ultimate network of all networks. When we collaborate with each other as ESAs, with our business partners, and with our state agencies, we have a collective impact on education that is like no other.

As we all work to advance the mission of education, AESA has the distinct honor to support ESAs as you lead educational organizations throughout the United States. Therefore, as part of the leadership transition process, the AESA executive council and the AESA leadership team are embarking on a re-design process to help us think even more broadly about how AESA can fulfill this important role and enhance the services of this already remarkable organization.

Further, my personal belief is that it is critical that each of us, as educational leaders, do everything in our power to foster a more just and equitable society, that respects and supports ALL learners. I will do my part to the best of my ability to assure that AESA stands ready to support you with the tools necessary to accomplish that within your organization.

It is a great honor to be with you on this journey. I look forward to getting to know each of our member organizations and the great people who lead them. As I travel to meet many of you in the weeks and months ahead, I am very interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas. Feel free to contact me by phone 920-420-8822 or e-mail jwade@aesa.us. I truly look forward to connecting with you soon!

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Joan H. Wade, EdD
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Executive Council nominations are now open!

Jerry Maze, President, AESA Executive Council

Each year, the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) informs our membership of its Call for Executive Council nominations. As the current President of AESA, I am sending along my personal invitation to consider serving your association as a member of the Executive Council.

As you know, AESA is a highly respected national association serving educational services agencies in 45 states, representing more than 553 member agencies. The Executive Council is the governing body for our association and there is no better way to serve the association and its members than serving on the Executive Council! The Council provides oversight to all aspects of the association: from advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., the continued development of a strong business relations program, membership service activities like the annual conference, to the support of various research and development initiatives. Serving on the Executive Council provides a great opportunity to influence and lead AESA!

Leadership, commitment, hard work, and loyalty all describe the attributes of Council members. Past Council members describe their experience serving on the Executive Council as having been one of the most impactful and meaningful experiences in their educational career. Great work leads to great friends and the opportunity to engage in Council work is well worth your consideration. I would encourage you to consider running for the Council.

AESA Bylaws, Article III, Section (b) states "In order to maintain 12 Council members and have four-year terms of office each region elects Council members three out of four years. The election sequence will be determined by the Council with each region having a bye every four years."

This year the Western Region has the bye and will not have a nominee. The states in the Western Region are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. These states will, however, have the opportunity to vote in the national election. This year's national nominations must come from the Central, Eastern, and Southern regions. You also must be the Superintendent/CEO of an ESA in order to run for the Executive Council.

All nomination materials can be found on the AESA website www.aesa.us. I urge you to give careful consideration to running for a Council position. Nominations, biographical statements, signed pledge letter, and a digital picture are due by September 2, 2016. Please submit nominations electronically to John Bass, AESA Chief Operating Officer, at jbass@aesaus.