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Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent, Tom Murphy, receives ‘Reaching the Whole Child Award’ from Washington State ASCD

Olympia, WA November 7, 2007 – The Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD) announced today the two winners of its 2007 ‘Reaching the Whole Child Award’ for educators.

The west side recipient of the ‘Reaching the Whole Child Award’ is Mr. Tom Murphy, Superintendent of Federal Way Public Schools.

Lead, inspire and educate describes the principle philosophy by which Superintendent Tom Murphy deserves recognition, for creating and shaping a district that truly educates the ‘whole child.’ Mr. Murphy’s dedication, leadership and passion for making giant leaps towards increasing student achievement, teacher efficacy, positive parent and community relations, helps enable *all* children to develop their gifts and realize their fullest potential.

Since the inception of Tom Murphy’s leadership in the fall of 1999, the identity metamorphosis of the Federal Way Public Schools has brought them one step closer to achieving authentic and personal learning communities. This has occurred through the leadership, open-mindedness and dedication of his vision. Mr. Murphy has been a cornerstone of influence in the development and progression of Federal Way’s innovative schools. He continually stands strong in his philosophy that, “*All truly means ALL*” when meeting the students’ academic and emotional needs.

Receiving the award from the east side of the state is Mr. Steve Barnes, Principal of Holmes Elementary School with the Spokane Public Schools. The awards were presented at the 2007 WSASCD Annual Conference in Seattle on Friday, November 2.

Founded in 1956, Washington State ASCD is an inclusive professional association for all educators, facilitating continuous professional growth and advocating for instructional leadership to ensure success for each learner.

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