

**THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
**PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
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**2020 NOMINATION**

The Principal of the Year Award seeks to recognize those principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators or the general public. Principals may not nominate themselves.*

Email Address of the Nominator(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of the Nominator(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

**The nominee:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is a current principal in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has at least five full years of experience as a principal, including three or more years in the HCPSS (i.e., began as principal no later than Fall 2014, and in HCPSS no later than Fall 2016).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Will maintain his/her position as principal throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is not a previous winner of this award. *(Previous nominees who did not win may be re-nominated.)*

**Previous Winners:**

2019 - Joshua Wasilewski - Long Reach High School  
2018 - Kimberlyn Pratesi - Hammond Elementary School  
2017 - Troy Todd - Running Brook Elementary School  
2016 - Cher Jones - Bonnie Branch Middle School  
2015 - Claire Hafets - Centennial High School  
2014 - Gina Massella - Howard High School  
2013 - Adrienne Kaufman - Marriotts Ridge High School  
2012 - Marcy Leonard - Hammond High School  
2011 - Michael Goins - Ellicott Mills Middle School  
2010 - Jonathan Davis - Bollman Bridge Elementary School

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**NOMINATION CRITERIA**

Nominees must be principals who:

- Manage effectively.
- Demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation.
- Foster cooperation between the school and the community.
- Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as faculty and staff.
- Keep abreast of developments in the field of education.
- Encourage team spirit.
- Demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment.
- Continue to play an active role in the classroom.

**NOMINATION PACKAGE**

**Materials must include and be submitted in the following order:**

- A description of contributions, approximately 400 words, for **each** of the nomination criteria listed above.
- 4 – 5 statements of support, one of which must be from a professional educator.
- A resume, including
  - Complete work history – including previous positions held and dates worked
  - Educational background – including degrees earned, majors and university/colleges attended.
  - Honors received and/or other significant achievements
- A 200-word biography written to highlight the nominee's professional accomplishments for the Principal of the Year Award.
- One vertical color photograph. Headshot only. The image must be a JPG file, and at least 2 MB.

*\* Please note that nomination packets received out of order and/or with missing information may not be considered. Nomination materials will not be returned.*

**NOMINATION SUBMISSION**

**Nomination Deadline**

All nomination packets must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **Monday, January 6, 2020**. Nomination packets received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Where to Submit**

Nomination packets must be emailed to Scott Ruehl, in the Division of Human Resources and Professional Development, at [scott\\_ruehl@hcpss.org](mailto:scott_ruehl@hcpss.org), subject line: Washington Post Principal of the Year Nomination.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators or the general public. Principals may not nominate themselves.
- A HCPSS Selection Committee will review all nominations to select one finalist to represent the HCPSS, subject to final approval by the Superintendent. The Selection Committee may consist of past recipients, school administrators, Central Office administrators and/or staff.
- HCPSS will publicly announce its Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year after selections have been made. Announcements will be done via press release and posted on the HCPSS website and social media accounts.
- Per The Washington Post, HCPSS will submit its finalist to The Washington Post no later than January 27, 2020. The Washington Post will select and notify the winner on March 9, 2020. All finalists remain under embargo until the official announcement in April 2020. Awardees will be publicly announced on The Washington Post website and in The Washington Post magazine.
- If a HCPSS Principal or Teacher is named a Post finalist, it will be announced via HCPSS communication channels shortly after The Washington Post public announcement.
- The Washington Post winning finalist will receive a signature trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award, a feature spot in a half-page ad in The Washington Post newspaper, a profile in The Washington Post and on washingtonpost.com. All other finalists will receive a certificate of appreciation from The Washington Post.
- Please contact Scott Ruehl ([scott\\_ruehl@hcpss.org](mailto:scott_ruehl@hcpss.org) or 410-313-5642) with any questions about this award or the nomination process.