

January 12, 2018

Karen Fischer Gray, Ed. D.
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Dear Karen:

Congratulations on becoming a 2018 State Superintendent of the Year. This achievement acknowledges you as one who personifies exemplary leadership on behalf of public education throughout your school district, community and the state of Oregon.

This achievement also opens opportunities for you to transform schools beyond your state's borders. We encourage you to use this recognition as a platform to share your experiences with the national education community when it comes to issues that matter most in our profession, particularly advancing student success. We would be happy to assist you in this regard.

As I travel across the country, I constantly remind educators that district leaders have tremendous roles to play when it comes to shaping educational policy and we are fortunate to work with them.

I look forward to seeing you at AASA's National Conference on Education in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 15-17, 2018. By assembling the 2018 State Superintendents of the Year, we will communicate to the country that one of the most important factors in improving our public educational system begins with school system leaders.

Once again, congratulations on being named a 2018 State Superintendent of the Year!

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Domenech
Executive Director