

## **Board President's Report**

**May 23, 2022**

**Jacob Wyland**

Tonight, I would like to begin by recognizing one of our administrators who isn't able to attend tonight's meeting due to receiving an award at a conference that she is attending. Dr. Marybeth Irvin is the 2022 recipient of The Women's Caucus Awards- Margaret Smith Award. The Pennsylvania Association School Administrators Women's Caucus honors two individuals annually for special awards of recognition. Both awards are based on four criteria: leadership, significant contributions in inspiring women and/or their peers, significant accomplishments, and evidence of continuing professional and/or personal growth. The Margaret Smith Leadership Award is given to a female administrator who has demonstrated proven leadership in education. The award is named for Dr. Margaret Smith, first president of the Women's Caucus, a former Pennsylvania superintendent and a former PA Secretary of Education.

Dr. Steinhauer, along with Kristen James and Dr. Sarah Shaw completed the nomination for Dr. Irvin for her dedication and leadership in all aspects of her work in education and her focus on the important Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work going on in the District.

Congratulations to Dr. Irvin on this well deserved award.

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Also this evening, I have the honor of recognizing two Mellon Middle School eighth graders who have been recognized as 2022 Promising Young Writers by the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Promising Young Writers Program represents NCTE's commitment to early and continuing work in the development of writing. The school-based writing program was established in 1985 to stimulate and recognize writing talents and to emphasize the importance of writing skills among eighth-grade students. Schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, American schools abroad, and the Virgin Islands are eligible to nominate students.

This year, schools nominated 116 students. Of that number, 66 received the highest award, Certificates of Recognition, and 50 received Certificates of Participation. Each student submitted two pieces of writing. Two independent judges evaluated each submission holistically on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development, and style.

Please welcome Caroline King and Anna Bailey!

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Lastly, tonight the Board will consider the 2022-2023 final budget for next school year. After many rounds of discussion with administration, faculty, staff and families, we are satisfied to be at this point in the budget process. The final budget, as proposed, will not have any program cuts or reductions and will offer the same high quality education and standard of excellence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Geletko, Director of Business, and his team, for their hard work and dedication to create a budget that allows us to continue to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, while simultaneously improving our financial outlook for the years ahead.

Your thorough updates and reports have helped us to stay up to date on the process and gave us the knowledge base to cast our respective votes confidently this evening.