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The Northshore School District is excited to share that Superintendent Michelle Reid, Ed.D. was named one of four finalists for AASA's 2021 National Superintendent of the Year.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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### **Finalists Named for AASA's 2021 National Superintendent of the Year®**

*Honorees include superintendents from Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington*

**Alexandria, Va. – December 18, 2020 –** [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](https://www.aasa.org/), is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year®. This distinction honors school system leaders throughout the country who are making a positive difference in the lives of the students they serve, in addition to ensuring the safety and wellness of their school communities.

Co-sponsored by AASA, [AIG Retirement Services](https://www.aigretirement.com/) and [First Student](https://www.firststudent.org/), the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year® will be announced during AASA's virtual [National Conference on Education](https://www.aasa.org/conference), Feb. 18-19, 2021.

The four finalists for the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year® are:

- Bryan Johnson, [Hamilton County Schools](https://www.hamiltoncountyschools.org/), Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Khalid Mumin, [Reading School District](https://www.readingschool.org/), Reading, Pa.
- Christy Perry, [Salem-Keizer Public Schools](https://www.salem-keizerpublicschools.org/), Salem, Ore.
- Michelle Reid, [Northshore School District](https://www.northshoreschools.org/), Bothell, Wash.

"Our nation's school superintendents have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with an unprecedented level of leadership, dedication and creativity," said Rob Scheinerman, chief executive officer, AIG Retirement Services. "We congratulate the finalists for National Superintendent of the Year®, all of whom have prioritized health and safety as they have also had to create new systems for learning and development. AIG Retirement Services

stands behind our educators and is proud to support this program, particularly during such a trying and challenging year.”

“We’re in extraordinary times, and these four extraordinary superintendents represent the hallmark in leadership and excellence in raising academic standards in public education,” said Paul G. Osland, president, First Student. “On behalf of the 5 million passengers we transport to and from school every day, we congratulate the finalists for the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year®. We are honored to partner with AASA to celebrate the profound contributions these four leaders are making to help create positive pathways for students.”

“One of the most striking outcomes of the COVID environment is a universal commitment on the part of our school system leaders to use this crisis as a catalyst to transform public education. Our finalists for the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year® have been doing just that,” said Daniel A. Domenech, executive director, AASA. “The champions for children we are honoring exemplify the importance of promoting equity and excellence for the young learners in their communities. We are grateful to AIG Retirement Services and First Student for supporting our program.”

The National Superintendent of the Year® finalists will have an opportunity to meet the national education community during a virtual press conference on Friday, Jan. 8. The briefing will begin at 3:00 p.m. (ET).

The National Superintendent of the Year® program, now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year, is open to all U.S. superintendents who plan to continue in the profession. The program also honors international school superintendents. The applicants were measured against the following criteria:

- Leadership for learning – creativity in successfully meeting the needs of students in the school system
- Communication – strength in both personal and organizational communication
- Professionalism – constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing professional development opportunities and motivation to others on the education team
- Community involvement – active participation in local community activities and an understanding of regional, national and international issues

A \$10,000 college scholarship will be presented in the name of the 2021 National Superintendent of the Year® to a student in the high school from which the superintendent graduated, or the school now serving the same area.

For more information about the program, contact Jennifer Rooney, AASA director, meetings and awards, at [jrooney@aasa.org](mailto:jrooney@aasa.org).

[Click here](#) to access a list of the AASA 2021 State Superintendents of the Year.

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