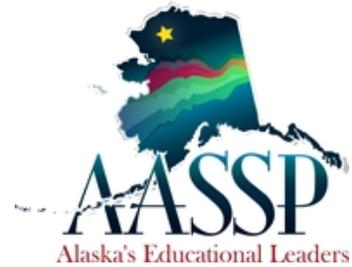


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### **South Anchorage High School Principal, Dr. Kersten Johnson-Struempler, named Alaska Secondary School Principal of the Year**

Anchorage, AK - Dr. Kersten Johnson-Struempler, principal of South Anchorage High School, has been selected as the Alaska Secondary School Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP). Principal Johnson-Struempler has served as principal at South Anchorage High School for seven years.

"I'm in awe with how much knowledge she has and the busy schedule she is able to handle, while still being able to attend every sports game to cheer on the wolverines with her students. While she puts an extreme emphasis on the academics at South, she recognizes high school is more than that for us. It's not only where we learn subjects like calculus and literature, but where we meet our friends, build social skills, thrive in sports, and learn valuable life skills that are going to stick with us for the rest of our life," said a South Anchorage High School student who wrote an essay for Principal Johnson-Struempler's application.

Mary McMahon, President of AASSP shared that "Dr. Johnson-Struempler is a committed education leader. We are so pleased to have a person of her talent and skills to represent Alaskan principals."

Principal Johnson-Struempler shared that "SAHS serves about 1500 students and is widely known as the number one achieving comprehensive high school in the State of Alaska. Academics are of high importance, as is community and school involvement. SAHS students are largely involved in a variety of athletic and club offerings both during the day and as extra-curricular activities. Eighty-five percent of South students will participate in one or more activities during the school year. This large participation rate is a key to success for SAHS students."

Principal Johnson-Struempler will be honored during the 2017 Alaska Principals' Conference. The Alaska Principals' Conference will be held at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel October 22-24, 2017. For more information visit the Alaska Association of Secondary Principals website at <http://www.alaskaprincipal.org>.



Principal Johnson-Struempler