

**To:** Members of the Campbell High School Community  
**From:** Bridey Bellemare, Executive Director, New Hampshire Association of School Principals  
**Re:** A Special Award for your Assistant Principal and your Community  
**Date:** December 19, 2022

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It is my distinct pleasure to announce that your Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Perez, has been selected, by our organization, as New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year for 2023-24.

Members of the selection committee had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Perez at Campbell High School where they met with parents, educators, systems-level staff, and students to ask why Mr. Perez should be selected as New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year.

School community stakeholders, who spoke on behalf of Mr. Perez during the interview process, commented that they had "never seen students so emphatically positive about an administrator... it was truly remarkable." Educators shared that he is supportive of what they do both in and out of the classroom. "He is a connector of people and community...supporting our passions even when those passions might not reflect his own." Sharing that they "couldn't help but grow" with him as their assistant principal.

Members of the student and staff panels echoed sentiments that the trust they feel with Mr. Perez is significant. "No matter how large or small the problem, Mike makes us feel important. He is a champion of all students, no matter their path." Members of the student panel also shared that "Mr. Perez is like a father-figure at our school. He takes the time to work with you to make you the best version of yourself. However, the 'Perez-Effect' (disciplinarian) kicks-in, when necessary, but we get it...he's just doing his job... he is honest and fair and understands that we're not just students, we're humans."

Parents shared that Mr. Perez is a non-judgmental, approachable and fair leader. He spearheads even the most challenging of initiatives even when they may not always be the most popular. He is willing to fight for what matters most to students. One parent shared, "Because of the collateral he has with the kids, he is able to push them further than they thought possible. You can't put a label on that kind of impact." One member of the systems-level staff, shared that "Mike is friendly, approachable and easy to talk to...he is calm and reflective and strives to make connections with everyone."

As this year's NH Assistant Principal of the Year, Mr. Perez will be invited to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference (NASSP), to be held in July 2023, where he will have the opportunity to engage with school leaders from across the country, gain unique recognition before a national audience, and benefit from complete access to premier professional learning offerings. Mr. Perez will also receive recognition at this year's NH EDies Awards ceremony and at NHASP's Annual Leadership Academy, scheduled in June 2023.

It is evident that Mr. Perez has positively impacted the Campbell High School community and takes great pride in celebrating the growth and achievements of the school. Congratulations, Mike! We are so very pleased for you and your school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridey Bellemare". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B".

Bridey Bellemare,  
Executive Director