



To: Members of the Oyster River 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: January 2, 2025



The NHASP selection committee is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristen Perron has been named Assistant Principal of the Year, for 2025-2026, a recognition that underscores her exceptional leadership and profound impact on students, parents, and staff.

During the search committee's site visit parents expressed their gratitude, sharing that, Ms. Perron's genuine kindness and dedication to building rapport have made a significant difference for many families, creating a positive ripple effect throughout the community. One parent stated, "You don't want a call from the school, but when you do, you want it to be Ms. Perron."

Ms. Perron's colleagues described her as a "positive presence" who is enthusiastic, supportive, and a great listener. Staff members feel secure knowing they are backed by her, even when there are differing opinions. One staff member remarked, "No problem is too small or too big for Ms. Perron," highlighting her dedication to follow-through and problem-solving.

Students also shared their admiration for Ms. Perron noting, "She shifted our perspective of what an administrator looks like." Her infectious energy and joyful leadership have created a safe and engaging environment where students feel heard and valued.

They appreciate her ability to connect with them personally, making school a more positive experience. One student went on to say, “Ms. Perron has completely changed the culture at our school...she can be a friend (professionally speaking) when necessary, but toe the line when needed...people respect that about her.”

One member of the district leadership team commended Ms. Perron for her ability to balance friendliness with high expectations stating, “she has successfully led initiatives, such as revamping the summer school program, and has implemented creative solutions to address the needs of students who might otherwise struggle to engage. Her systems thinking and data-driven approach have significantly improved attendance and academic performance.”

As this year’s award recipient, Ms. Perron will be invited to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principal’s Conference (NASSP), to be held in July 2025, where she 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. Ms. Perron will also receive recognition at this year’s NH EDies Awards ceremony and at NHASP’s Annual Leadership Academy, scheduled in June 2025.

Ms. Perron’s unwavering support for her students and staff, along with her innovative leadership, makes her a deserving recipient of this honor. The selection committee is proud to recognize her as this year’s Assistant Principal of the Year.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, NHASP