

Aurora Public Schools

Crawford Elementary School Leader Earns National Distinguished Principal of the Year for Colorado

Crawford Elementary School Principal Jenny Passchier has earned the National Distinguished Principal of the Year award for Colorado from the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE). She will represent the Centennial State in the national award program.

Passchier has been an educator in Aurora Public Schools for 15 years. She has served as Crawford's principal since 2013.

As Crawford's leader, Passchier attributes the positive, trusting and collaborative culture in the building as a factor in the school's success. Crawford's climate survey results have improved significantly under her leadership. Teacher turnover decreased four-fold, resulting in a strong community of education professionals.

Crawford has a diverse student population of 755 students and is heavily affected by poverty. Twenty percent of its students are refugees. Passchier has addressed some of the challenges of meeting students' basic needs by creating community partnerships and family supports, such as classes for families to educate them on how to support reading at home.

CASE will formally present Passchier with her award at an upcoming school event on April 2. She will also represent APS and CASE at an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. this spring.



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