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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Selecting the individual who will represent North Carolina’s principals and serve as a spokesperson for administrators and educators in our state is a most challenging task. After candidates are nominated by their local education agencies, a selection process follows that includes a rigorous portfolio exercise and an interview at the regional level. One principal is selected to represent each of the eight regions of North Carolina. The Regional Principals of the Year continue by participating in the process at the state level where selection committee members are chosen based on their dynamic public record in support of education. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education take pride in celebrating the most innovative and effective public school leaders in our state.

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Region 1 – District Winners

Marion “Bubs” Carson
John Cotten Tayloe Elementary
Beaufort County Schools

Melissa Fields
Perquimans Central
Perquimans County Schools

Angela Lasher
Jarvisburg Elementary
Currituck County Schools

Timothy Lazar
Grandy Primary
Camden County Schools

Calvin Moore
Bertie Early College High
Bertie County Schools

Serena Paschal
EJ Hayes Elementary
Martin County Schools

Beth Rooks
Cape Hatteras Secondary
Dare County Schools

Sallie Ryan
Gatesville Elementary
Gates County Schools

George Stanton (Stan) Warren
Ahoskie Elementary
Hertford County Public Schools

Cathy Michelle White
White Oak Elementary
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Shawn Wilson
Pasquotank Elementary
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools
Dr. Robin Hamilton
Southeast Regional Principal of the Year
Parsley Elementary, New Hanover County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

Scott Ballard
East Duplin High
Duplin County Schools

Kathy Barber
J. T. Barber Elementary
Craven County Schools

Dr. Christopher M. Barnes
New Bridge Middle
Onslow County Schools

Dr. Linda Jewell Carr
Union Elementary
Sampson County Schools

Patrick Greene
Greene Central High
Greene County Schools

Nicholas Harvey, II
Lenoir County Early College High
Lenoir County Public Schools

Tammy Keel
Mount Olive Middle
Wayne County Schools

Dr. Steven L. Miller
Clinton High
Clinton City Schools

David Moody
Trenton Elementary
Jones County Schools

Janet Redinger
Topsail Elementary
Pender County Schools

Vickie Smith
Union Elementary
Brunswick County Schools
Region 3 – District Winners

Michelle Burton
Weldon High
Weldon City Schools

Dr. Mark Cockrell
Southern Nash High
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

Martha Ann Debreaux-Davis
Southeast Halifax High
Halifax County Schools

Jewel Eason
Bunn Elementary
Franklin County Schools

Michael Ferguson
Manning Elementary
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

Dhedral Lassiter
Rolesville Middle
Wake County Public School System

Renee Mizelle
Vaughan Elementary
Warren County Schools

Martha Paige
Squire Elementary
Northampton County Schools

Eric Pierce
Western Vance High
Vance County Schools

Jamie Stoke
Wilson’s Mills Elementary
Johnston County Schools

Wendy Sullivan
Wells Elementary
Wilson County Schools

Marc Whichard
SouthWest Edgecombe High
Edgecombe County Schools

Brian Mathis
Granville Central High
Granville County Schools
Region 4 – District Winners

**Susan Cheshire**  
Dublin Primary  
Bladen County Schools

**Marcy Cooper**  
West Pine Elementary  
Moore County Schools

**Jeffrey Greene**  
West Columbus High  
Columbus County Schools

**Silvia Huffer**  
Warren Williams Alternative Elementary  
Lee County Schools

**Donnie Lynthacum**  
Candor Elementary  
Montgomery County Schools

**Colleen Pegram**  
SandHoke Early College High  
Hoke County Schools

**Rick Singletary**  
Sycamore Lane Middle  
Scotland County Schools

**Virginia Taylor**  
Boone Trail Elementary  
Harnett County Schools

**Dawn Terry**  
Monroe Avenue Elementary  
Richmond County Schools

**Antonio Wilkins**  
Magnolia Elementary  
Public Schools of Robeson County
Region 5 – District Winners

Dana Albright-Johnson
Northeastern Randolph Middle
Randolph County Schools

Paula Owens
Donna Lee Loflin Elementary
Asheboro City Schools

Chrystal Clayton
Helena Elementary
Person County Schools

Jeffrey Rachlin
New Hope Elementary
Orange County Schools

David Ebert
Eastern Alamance High
Alamance-Burlington Schools

Steve Reynolds
Pilot Elementary
Davidson County Schools

Patricia Gainey
East Forsyth High
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

Doug Rose
Sandy Ridge Elementary
Stokes County Schools

Dr. Shelia Gorham
Allen Middle
Guilford County Schools

Dr. Darlene Ryan
Glenwood Elementary
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Duane Hensley
Western Rockingham Middle
Rockingham County Schools

Gina Spencer
Pickett Elementary
Lexington City Schools

Dr. Angela Moore
Thomasville Primary
Thomasville City Schools
Dr. Adam Auerbach
Southwest Regional Principal of the Year
Wolf Meadow Elementary, Cabarrus County Schools

Region 6 – District Winners

Erin Anderson
Jackson Park Elementary
Kannapolis City Schools

Dr. Janet Anthony
Grover Elementary
Cleveland County Schools

Heath Belcher
Lincolnton High
Lincoln County Schools

Rebekah Duncan
Sadler Elementary
Gaston County Schools

Jametta Martin-Tanner
Ridge Road Middle
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Dr. Kevin Plue
Forest Hills High
Union County Schools

Danny Poplin
West Stanly Middle
Stanly County Schools

Christopher Stinson
Anson New Tech High
Anson County Schools
Region 7 – District Winners

Nancy Barkemeyer  
West Rowan Middle  
Rowan-Salisbury School

Sandra Burchette  
Wilkesboro Elementary  
Wilkes County Schools

Pamela Colbert  
Elkin Middle  
Elkin City Schools

Stephanie Dischiavi  
Northview Middle  
Hickory Public Schools

Tracy Grit  
Banner Elk Elementary  
Avery County Schools

Callie Grubb  
Blue Ridge Elementary  
Ashe County Schools

Scottie Houston  
Clyde Campbell Elementary  
Catawba County Schools

Tim Ivey  
South Iredell High  
Iredell-Statesville Schools

Jill Logan  
East Bend Elementary  
Yadkin County Schools

Lynn Marrs  
Mocksville Elementary  
Davie County Schools

Chad Maynor  
West Alexander Middle  
Alexander County Schools

Sheila Richardson  
Piney Creek Elementary  
Alleghany County Schools

Sandra Scott  
Copeland Elementary  
Surry County Schools

Mary Smalling  
Hardin Park Elementary  
Watauga County Schools

Carol Sturgis  
Valmead Elementary  
Caldwell County Schools

Julia Styers  
South Newton Elementary  
Newton-Conover City Schools
Western REGION 8

W. Scott Rhodes
Western Regional Principal of the Year
East Henderson High, Henderson County Public Schools

Region 8 – District Winners

**Stephen Chandler**
Candler Elementary
Buncombe County Schools

**Kimberly Dechant**
Claxton Elementary
Asheville City Schools

**Jeff Haney**
Central Haywood High
Haywood County Schools

**Virginia Haynes**
Andrews High
Cherokee County Schools

**Lisa Gosnell**
Madison Middle
Madison County Schools

**Kathryn Kantz**
Cullowhee Valley Elementary
Jackson County Schools

**Joyce Poplin**
Nebo Elementary
McDowell County Schools

**Alton Robinson**
Cane River Middle
Yancey County Schools

**Scott Strickler**
Rosman Elementary
Transylvania County Schools

**La’Ronda Whiteside**
Chase Middle
Rutherford County Schools
2014 Wells Fargo North Carolina Regional Principals of the Year

Dr. Carrie Tulbert
2014 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year
NORTHWEST • REGION 7
Mooresville Middle, Mooresville Graded School District

Billie Berry
NORTHEAST • REGION 1
Camden County High
Camden County Schools

Frances Herring
SOUTHEAST • REGION 2
Contentnea-Savannah K-8
Lenoir County Schools

Dr. Larry Webb
NORTH CENTRAL • REGION 3
Eaton-Johnson Middle
Vance County Schools

Amy Rickard
PIEDMONT-TRIAD/CENTRAL • REGION 5
Morris Grove Elementary
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Brad Breedlove
SOUTHWEST • REGION 6
Monroe High
Union County Schools

Brad Richardson
WESTERN • REGION 8
Forest City-Dunbar Elementary
Rutherford County Schools

Robin Calcutt
SANDHILLS/SOUTH CENTRAL • REGION 4
New Century Middle
Moore County Schools
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—John C. Maxwell

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