



We Build Futures Award

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Donald Palmer

*Assistant Principal
Poquessing Middle School*

In your nomination, the following were highlighted:

- You have successfully supported the school's effort to embrace the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Poquessing – the first middle school in the district to be fully engaged with this new initiative;
- You and Ms. Holland helped to make important connections between our existing focus on Text Dependent Analysis and the newly introduced AVID instructional strategies;
- You exercised instructional leadership through your planned, school-wide professional development for your faculty that supports this new initiative and your work to strategize how to incorporate the new 8th grade AVID class into the students' schedules;
- You continue to expand the efforts to move the AVID experience through all grade levels and recognize the multi-year effort that is ahead of the school and district to ensure effective adoption;
- You helped make the AVID effort visible in the hallways and classroom; and
- You bring a new perspective to this middle school leadership assignment due to your recent stint as an elementary principal that will be invaluable as we grow this new program from the elementary grades through high school graduation.

All of the above are examples of ways that you show you care. Your work supports our district belief that our children are our future, that a quality education is a right, and that achievement is realized through challenge.

You are an asset to the Poquessing Middle School and the district a whole.