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Gateway Middle School assistant principal earns regional recognition ***Elizabeth Nunes selected as 2010-11 Sno-Isle Region Assistant Principal of the Year***

Noting her service and contributions to the Gateway Middle School community, the [Association of Washington Middle Level Principals](#) notified Elizabeth Nunes on Monday that she earned top honors from her peers in this region and is now a contender for the state award of Assistant Principal of the Year.

Nunes who came to Everett Public Schools in 2002, has been assistant principal at Gateway since 2005. On March 7, she was named by the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP) as the Sno-Isle Region Assistant Principal of the Year for 2010-2011, a distinction that requires nomination and affirmation from among her colleagues. In the fall of 2011, the AWMLP Executive Committee will select the Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year from among this year's regional honorees.

Gateway's principal Peter Scott notes that the association "couldn't have found a more worthy candidate to represent this region for overall excellence and dedication to her school community. Elizabeth does many things well, and all in the service of our students."

When hired by the district in 2002, Nunes said her mission is, "... to help foster a community of continual learning based on high expectations, mutual respect, and a clear vision shared by staff, parents and community partners."

Superintendent Gary Cohn credits Nunes for helping Gateway earn state recognition for the school's student achievement. "Elizabeth has held true to the mission she wrote eight years ago. Gateway has been recognized [three years in a row](#) as being among the state's top 5 percent of high performing schools. Gateway's learning community has achieved that level of success due in part to a philosophy that its leadership, including Elizabeth, exemplifies. We are all proud of Elizabeth's accomplishments and share in recognizing her for the passion she has for education, her total dedication to students and for the role she plays on the amazing team of educators at Gateway Middle School."

One secondary assistant principal from each state is recognized as the national assistant principal of the year. In Washington state, the two associations representing middle school principals and high school principals alternate, one year to the next, to submit candidates for the state honor who are then forwarded for national consideration.

When she learned of her award, Nunes said, "I am extremely honored to receive this recognition for my work. Please know that this does not happen in isolation—I am surrounded by a cohesive staff and parent community that is committed to our students. The partnership we share, along with district support, yields a positive and productive learning environment in which I am proud to serve."

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