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Keeseville Principal Named Elementary Principal of the Year

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Kevin F. Hulbert, principal of the Keeseville Elementary School in the AuSable Valley Central School District, has been selected as the 2011 New York State Elementary School Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS). This award is given annually to a member of SAANYS who has set the pace, character, and quality of education for the children in his or her school. Nominees are administrators who are committed to students, parents, and the community and have shown exceptional contributions to the educational process.

Hulbert has served as an educator for 21 years and has been an elementary-level administrator in his current position for seven years. Keeseville Elementary is a K-6 rural school with an enrollment of 385 students. Hulbert previously served as an elementary teacher, a social studies teacher, an education specialist in a regional school support center, dean of students, and athletic director.

Keeseville Elementary was recognized in 2010 with the College for Every Student “School of Distinction” Award for promoting college awareness throughout the school. KES was the only elementary school in New York and one of only two elementary schools in the nation to receive this recognition. College For Every Student (CFES) is a nonprofit organization committed to raising the academic aspirations and performance of underserved youth so that they can prepare for, gain access to, and succeed in college.

Hulbert cites the development of Keeseville’s character education program among the accomplishments for which he is most proud. His commitment to students and the school community as a whole are evident. When describing the development of the character education program, he stated: “The use of the Response to Intervention model in a behavioral/emotional sense as well as in an academic sense has been a huge accomplishment and has resulted in improved student behavior and academic achievement.” In addition, Hulbert is proud of Keeseville’s service projects and



the level of participation that program has garnered.

As evidenced by the many letters of support he received, Hulbert is admired and respected in his school, his district, and in the community. In a letter of support for Hulbert’s nomination, Paul Savage, AuSable Valley Central School District superintendent, states, “Thinking about Kevin’s leadership style and what sets him apart from others in the field, the first words that come to mind are dynamic and visionary leader, strong and innovative leadership style and presence, loyalty and dedication, and an unwavering and unmatched passion for making things better for all students in the district.”

Hulbert is an active member of SAANYS and the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is co-chair of the North Country Task Force Against Bullying, a member of the North Country Coalition for Safe Schools, is a leadership team member with the Communities of One “Leading For Change,” and several other professional and community organizations.

Hulbert will be honored for his accomplishments at an awards ceremony on May 6, 2011 at the Century House in Latham, New York. As New York’s Elementary School Principal of the Year, Hulbert will be celebrated as a National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) at a recognition program sponsored by NAESP and Valic this fall in Washington, DC