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Skyview High School's Storm Success Academy to Receive Supported Students Award from Washington State ASCD

Olympia, WA August, 2014 – The Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD) has announced that the Storm Success Academy from Skyview High School is a recipient of their Supported Students Schools Award for 2014. The Supported Students Award is intended to recognize educator(s) who contribute to providing a school where students have access to personalized learning and is supported by qualified, caring adults. The award will be accepted by Principal Kym Tyelyn-Carlson and representatives of the staff at a school board meeting this fall.

Skyview High School is committed to ensuring that every student leaves with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to achieve their goals, dreams, and potential. The 'Storm Success Academy' is a school within a school for juniors and seniors who are credit deficient, but are dedicated to graduating. The Storm Academy teachers and support staff are much more than traditional school employees. A counselor and two advocates are assigned to the Storm Success Academy, providing a 1:28 ratio of mentorship and guidance. This team works with the students to develop a customized and personalized educational plan, as well as the social and emotional supports needed for them to navigate the variety of roadblocks that have educationally derailed them in the past. A team of four teachers employ every tool necessary to engage students in mastering content and earning credit – art is combined with science, computer directed math instruction is supported by the expertise of a mom/engineer turned master teacher, an English teacher provides the scaffolds to prove to students who've previously failed two or more English classes they can learn and earn AP Language credit; advocates hold boot camps, host weekend blasts, call parents, pick up students and bring them to school, counsel with teachers, tutor, provide food and bus passes, and on occasion support housing needs.

Storm Success Academy is an excellent example of a strong, collaborative partnership between school, parent, and student. This partnership, coupled with an undying commitment by the staff in student support and achievement, has made the distant dream of a high school diploma an attainable reality for its students.

Founded in 1956, the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) is Founded in 1956, the Washington State ASCD is a community of all educators committed to promoting promising practices to ensure ALL students are safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged.

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