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Centennial Elementary School to receive the Safe School Award from Washington State ASCD

Olympia, WA May, 2016 – The Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD) has announced that Centennial Elementary School will receive a Whole Child award called the ‘Safe School Award’ for 2016. The Safe School Award is intended to recognize educators who contribute to providing a safe school where students learn in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults, and serve as models for all educators across the state.

The mission of Centennial Elementary School is to provide a high quality educational experience, which results in students reaching their greatest potential. A collaborative approach involving school staff, parents, and community members has created a safe and supportive environment. Because their school has an intentional focus on creating a positive, safe learning environment, the students are learning how to be responsible and independent citizens who can recognize choices, think about consequences and base their words and actions on that information.

Their school’s Code of Conduct revolves around three concepts: Be Respectful – How to relate to others and the school environment; Be Responsible – How you manage yourself, and; Be Safe – Social, Emotional and Physical Well Being. Clear expectations are communicated and taught to all students by all staff members, just as core instructional curriculum would be. Student achievement of these expectations are celebrated on a regular basis. This intentional effort has created a safe, positive learning environment for the students and creates opportunities for success. As a result, the students feel safe and secure and are able to focus on learning.

Founded in 1956, the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (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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