



## **NSFA Selects 2018 National Superintendent of The Year**

Washington State Education Superstar, Dr. Susan Enfield,  
Wins Top Honor for both Leadership and Fundraising Skills

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The National School Foundations Association (NSFA) is proudly announcing the selection of Dr. Susan Enfield of Highline Public Schools in Burien, Washington as *the 2018 National Superintendent of the Year*. Dr. Enfield, selected through a nationwide search, will be honored at the 14th Annual NSFA Conference in San Diego, February 11-13, 2019.

NSFA Executive Director Robin Callahan praised Dr. Enfield as a uniquely strong advocate for community support of public education, and a remarkable collaborator with her district's Education Foundation: "Their partnership is making a difference in the lives of the nearly 19,000 students in the district. Together they are improving high school graduation rates, closing the achievement gap for English language learners, and creating a culture of success."

The promise of Highline Public Schools is to know every student by name, strength and need so they graduate prepared for the future they choose. During her tenure in Highline Public Schools, Susan has worked side by side with the Highline Schools Foundation to secure major grants and donations from many sources, including Alaska Airlines, Boeing and the Biller Family Foundation.

According to Highline Schools Foundation Executive Director, Anne Baunach, Enfield welcomes her role as a fundraiser-in-chief, and promotes the Foundation to school parents, community members and potential

donors. "I have worked with numerous superintendents in my role as parent-volunteer, school board member, development professional and now foundation employee. I truly have never met anyone with the commitment to students that Susan brings." Her efforts have paid off with the renovation of school facilities, and a strategic plan dedicated to creating a culturally responsive school climate, meeting both the social emotional and academic needs of students and encouraging digital and media literacy for all students.

Dr. Enfield is a former high school English, journalism and ELL teacher, and she served as Chief Academic Officer and then as Interim Superintendent for Seattle Public Schools before coming to Highline in 2012. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and earned master's degrees from Stanford University and Harvard University. She also holds a doctoral degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard's Urban Superintendents Program.

The award was created by the National School Foundation Association to recognize the important role played by school superintendents in engaging the community to ensure all students have the resources they need to succeed. NSFA leads the preK-12 education foundation movement, providing connection, training and resources to increase student success through strategic philanthropic investment and involvement. Learn more at [www.SchoolFoundations.org](http://www.SchoolFoundations.org). The NSFA National Superintendent of the Year Award is sponsored by the Omaha Public Schools Foundation with in-kind support from Foundant Technologies.

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