

Northern Area Representative Nomination Acceptance

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I meet the association's qualifications for election, having served as my district's (Passaic County Vocation School District, 31-3995) State & Federal Program Administrator for the past four academic years. In this capacity, I have been responsible for constructing the district's NCLB applications and overseeing all of the associated programs. I have regularly attended NJAFPA membership meetings since joining the organization in 2013. My district has supported participation in this organization for many years, and this support is expected to persist into the foreseeable future. As we all transition to the changing regulations under ESSA, it is important that we work together to navigate through the nuances of this new law. As a fourth-year federal program administrator, I am new enough to recall the depth of learning necessary to perform the duties, while simultaneously being experienced enough to have insights on how to acquire effectively the necessary knowledgebase. I feel as though I am now ready to share with others my knowledge and to facilitate the spread of new knowledge that will enable us all to assist more effectively at-risk through ESSA.