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It is with great pleasure that the Association of Washington School Principals and the Elementary School Principals Association of Washington recognize Alfonso Lopez Principal at Lewis and Clark Elementary, as the 2019 Washington State Elementary Principal of the year.

Those that nominated Alfonso said the following about his work:

Mr. Alfonso López was born and raised in México and immigrated to the United States to instill the value of education to his family. Over the past decade, Mr. López's goal has been to make a difference in his students' lives regardless of their cultural background, a complete opposite mindset than that of how he was raised. Mr. López sees diversity issues as opportunities to grow. Instead of avoiding cultural diversity issues, he is proactive and seeks school improvement. He takes the opportunity to discuss difficult situations, listen to multiple perspectives, and develop next action steps, in order for our Dual-Language school to be more successful. He is an agent of continuous improvement to promote each student's academic success and well-being, they much manage uncertainty, risk, competing initiatives, and politics of change with courage and perseverance, providing support and encouragement and openly communicating the need for, process for, and outcomes of improvement efforts

Alfonso's career at Lewis & Clark is like a storybook tale, from Para Professional to Principal. Alfonso's leadership has been instrumental in the success of our dual language school, and this award truly represents his devotion and commitment to the staff, students and parents at Lewis & Clark elementary.

We are so impressed with Alfonso's work and are proud to have him represent not only his school in the Wenatchee School District, but principals across the state as the Washington State Elementary Principal of the Year.

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