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Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader

PORT LUDLOW, WA—Whitney Meissner, a principal of Chimacum Middle and High Schools and the Pi Alternative Program, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

Meissner is also an adjunct professor at Seattle Pacific University (SPU) and is completing her doctoral degree in the Executive Leadership Program at SPU. During her career, she has been a high school and junior high school teacher, dean of students at a high school, and a high school assistant principal. At Chimacum, she built a democratic style of leadership that has empowered students and staff.

“If someone brings me a problem, my response is typically one of two things: How can I help you resolve this, or let’s take that idea/issue/problem to Site Council and see what our team has to say,” Meissner said. “Students are truly at the center of our school.”

A committee made up of PDK’s past Emerging Leaders selected the 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants.

“The 20 members of the 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders embody the PDK tenets of leadership, research, and service,” said William Bushaw, PDK’s executive director. “They represent the best of the profession.”

For more information on PDK’s 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders, including podcast interviews with the honorees, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.