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**For Immediate Release**

**Horace Mann and Illinois Principals Association Announce 2018 Illinois Assistant Principal of the Year**

Horace Mann and the Illinois Principals Association are pleased to announce that Amy Quattrone, Assistant Principal at Westmont Junior High School, Westmont, IL, has been named the 2018 Illinois Assistant Principal of the Year. The award recognizes Assistant Principals who have demonstrated a positive impact on their students and learning community. Criteria for the award include:

* Demonstrates a positive impact on education and advocacy for children
* Ensures the school climate is positive and reflects high staff and student morale
* Demonstrates creativity and imagination in bringing about positive change
* Willing to take risks to improve student learning
* Moves actively to implement the goals and objectives of the school
* Works collaboratively with teachers and other staff to improve the educational program and student achievement
* Anticipates emerging problems and acts effectively to resolve them
* Involves the community in the life of the school and uses community resources for students.

Amy Quattrone has served as a member of both the state and national Associations of School Curriculum and Design (ASCD), and the Illinois Reading Council. She has also been involved with the Illinois Association for Gifted Children, International Literacy Association, National Council of Teachers of English, and the National Middle School Association. She has been a member of the Illinois Principals Association for seven years.

Quattrone has also been involved in the local community as a school district liaison for the Westmont 100 Year Anniversary Committee and Westmont First Committee, Westmont Holly Parade Committee, Westmont Illinois READS Chairperson, Rotary International, and the Westmont Stategic Plan Committee. She was previously named Best of Berwyn Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2008 and CUSD 201 Westmont Educator of the Year in 2012.

The Assistant Principal of the Year winner was selected from a pool of region nominees provided by the 21 Regions of the Illinois Principals Association. Ms. Quattrone will be recognized at the IPA’s annual Education Leaders Fall Conference in October 2018 and will receive a $1,000 honorarium.

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