



## **Ann Allen - Administrator of the Year for Los Alamitos and Middle Grades Principal of the Year for California!**

Congratulations to Mrs. Annie Allen, California's 2017 Middle Grades Principal of the Year! Mrs. Allen is an exceptional principal in every aspect possible. She is a courageous, inspirational, and empathetic leader who embraces and involves all stakeholders to create the best school possible for children. Most importantly, she improves the lives of young people each and every day by leading a staff that has created a school in which all students thrive.

Annie has been in Los Alamitos Unified for 30 years, all of them at McAuliffe. She was a science teacher, learning specialist, assistant principal, and has been the principal for five years. She is an extraordinary leader with both drive and heart. She is motivated by what is best for kids and has an abundance of love for them, her job, and her staff. Mrs. Allen is strong, kind, courageous, and laughs easily.

Providing the best possible educational experiences for all students is the driving force behind Mrs. Allen's exceptional work ethic. Every student in every classroom gets the same high-quality instruction. Mrs. Allen has built a team of educators that collaborate regularly, share best practices, analyze student data, and create programs to address identified needs. Most importantly, Annie has created an environment that values student's academic, social, and emotional well-being. She spends the bulk of each day in classrooms; she enriches the District's mission to Ignite Unlimited Possibilities for Students; and she models the District's commitment to always be kind to children.

Mrs. Allen was selected as the both the 2017 California and Orange County Middle School Principal of the Year. Please join us in congratulating Annie on these prestigious honors!