

## **Press Release**

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### **Asheboro City Schools Principal Named 2016-17 Piedmont-Triad Region Principal of the Year**

ASHEBORO – Balfour Elementary School principal, Ms. Jusmar Maness, was named the 2017 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for the Piedmont-Triad Region in a program sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wells Fargo. The announcement came as a surprise to Ms. Maness and students and teachers at Balfour Elementary during Thursday’s after school academic activities.

“Ms. Maness is incredibly deserving of this prestigious award. She has been a trailblazer for the Dual Language Spanish Immersion program for kindergarten students at Balfour and an advocate for her teachers and staff,” said Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools.

Ms. Maness now moves on to compete with seven other regional award recipients from across the state on North Carolina. After the state selection process is completed, one principal will be selected as the 2017 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year.

Ms. Maness has been with Asheboro City Schools since 2014 and has served as principal of Balfour Elementary School since that time. She received a Bachelor of Education in English degree from Universidad de Carabobo, Valencia, Venezuela. She earned a Master of School Administration degree from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and participated in the first cohort of the Piedmont Triad Leadership Academy. Prior to serving in Asheboro City Schools, Ms. Maness held several positions in Guilford County Schools, including assistant principal, curriculum facilitator, English as a Second Language teacher, and Spanish Immersion teacher.

The 2017 State Wells Fargo Principal of the Year will be announced in spring of 2017 the annual luncheon in Cary, North Carolina. To learn more about the Ms. Maness or Asheboro City Schools, please log on to [www.asheboro.k12.nc.us](http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us) or call the Central Office at (336) 625-5104.

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