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**Madrona K-8 Principal Kaaren Andrews Receives
Foster Award for Outstanding Leadership
\$50,000 Award to Benefit School**

SEATTLE, WA March 12, 2008 – The Alliance for Education and Seattle Public Schools today announced that Madrona K-8 Principal Kaaren Andrews is the recipient of the Thomas B. Foster Award for Excellence for her outstanding leadership.

Madrona K-8 staff and representatives of the Alliance, the Foster family, Seattle Public Schools, and the Seattle School Board surprised Principal Andrews with the award at Madrona this morning. Since the year 2000 she is the sixth recipient to receive the award, which the Alliance gives to an exceptional secondary school principal. The award includes a \$50,000 grant to support student success at the principal's school.

“When you walk into Madrona, you see the evidence of a great school everywhere in the building—on students’ faces, in teachers’ eyes, in the student work displayed prominently on all the walls,” said Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson. “Kaaren’s relentless focus on the academic success of all students has resulted in seventh grade writing gains of nearly 30 percent on the WASL between 2005 and 2007,” she continued. Madrona K-8 also had excellent gains at the fourth grade, up 13 points in reading to 74%; up 34 points in writing to 54%; and up 19 points in math to 46%.

Alliance for Education President and CEO Patrick D’Amelio added, “Kaaren Andrews embodies the kind of passion and dedication that Tom Foster imagined.”

Tom Foster, founder of the law firm Foster Pepper and a Seattle civic leader, was deeply committed to helping the Seattle community and was passionate about education issues. When he passed away in 1999 at the age of 84, community members established a fund with the Alliance in his honor to recognize and support secondary school principals.

The Alliance for Education and Seattle Public Schools also today announced that two previous recipients of the Foster Award—Chief Sealth High School Principal John Boyd and Meany Middle School Principal Princess Shareef—will be granted additional \$25,000 awards, bringing their total awards to \$50,000 each.

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