



## James E. Orichosky 2024-2026 President

Director of Elementary Education / Principal  
Wingate Elementary School &  
Mountaintop Elementary School  
Bald Eagle Area School District

**James E. Orichosky**, Director of Elementary Education for Bald Eagle Area School District, Wingate, Pennsylvania, and Principal of Wingate and Mountaintop Elementary schools, is the **2024-2026 President of the Pennsylvania Principals Association**. Mr. Orichosky has been a member of the association for 22 years. His two-year term as president began on August 6, 2024, following the PA Principals Association's annual PA SUMMIT24 for Educational Leaders in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Orichosky started his education career in the Bald Eagle Area School District, first as an elementary school teacher from 1993-2003 and then as head teacher from 1996-2003. Since 2003, he has served as principal of Wingate Elementary, and in 2023, he also became principal of Mountaintop Elementary. He began serving as the Bald Eagle Area School District's director of elementary education in 2013. Additionally, he has worked as a student teaching supervisor since 2019 for Walden University.

Mr. Orichosky most recently held the position of PA Principals Association President-Elect. He served on the PA Principals Association Board of Directors as the Central I Elementary State Director from 2012-2023. Over the years, he held various positions at the state and national levels including federal relations coordinator on the PA Principals Association Board of Directors (2020-2022); co-chairperson for the 2016 and 2017 state conferences; member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Resolutions Committee (2018-2021); vice president of the NAESP Nominating Committee (2021); Central Intermediate Unit 10 conference speaker; and PA delegate who met with state legislators in 2023; and PA delegate who met with federal legislators in 2024 (as part of the National Leaders' Conference hosted by NAESP and the National Association of Secondary School Principals).

Mr. Orichosky earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Saint Francis University; his principal certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania; a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Clarion University of Pennsylvania; and his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from California University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Orichosky and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 30 years and reside in Morrisdale, Pennsylvania. They have two children, John (27) and recently married Sarah Anderson (25). As president of a local bass fishing club, he enjoys spending his free time on the water catching bass. In addition, he likes to read, go on walks, and, of course, live the "cruise life" with his wife.