



## Garfield High School Principal Ted Howard II Receives Foster Award for Outstanding Leadership \$50,000 Award to Benefit School

SEATTLE, WA March 15, 2010 – The Alliance for Education and Seattle Public Schools today announced that Garfield High School Principal Ted Howard II is the recipient of the Thomas B. Foster Award for Excellence for his outstanding leadership.

Garfield High School students and families joined representatives of the Alliance for Education and Seattle Public Schools to give Principal Howard the award at Garfield this afternoon. Since the year 2000, Howard is the eighth recipient to receive the award, which the Alliance gives to an exceptional secondary school principal. The award includes a \$50,000 cash grant to the school.

Howard is himself a graduate of Garfield and has been principal since the 2004-05 school year. He has served in Seattle Public Schools for 20 years and is the son of retired Cleveland High School Principal Ted Howard Senior. Prior to Garfield High, Mr. Howard was assistant principal at Franklin High School. As principal of Garfield, Howard has led the school in dramatic increases in student achievement, particularly among students of color. "Ted's commitment to the students and families of Seattle Public Schools, and the exceptional results in reducing the achievement gap at Garfield, make him truly deserving of this award," said Alliance for Education President and CEO Sara Morris.

"Over the past 20 years, thousands of students have been touched by Ted's passion for education," said Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson. "His work exemplifies the commitment of Seattle Public Schools to providing an excellent education for every student. I congratulate Ted on this outstanding achievement."

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.

To be eligible for the Thomas B. Foster award, candidates must serve a minimum of one entire school year in their buildings and be under contract for the subsequent year. The selection criterion considers:

- Principals' commitment and effectiveness in improving student achievement (as measures by WASL and/or other District performance measures)
- Leadership and teambuilding, as reflected in staff and student climate surveys
- Innovation in educational and administrative techniques
- Leadership participation in school-wide and district-wide initiatives
- Prudent creative use of resources

For more information on the award please visit <http://alliance4ed.org/investments/awards/foster.htm>.

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