



## **Brooke Morgan Mauro Named 2020 Colorado School Counselor of the Year**

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**Colorado** – The Brooke Morgan Mauro, school counselor at Penrose Elementary School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has been named the Colorado School Counselor of the year by Colorado School Counselor Association (CSCA). Morgan Mauro, a graduate of University of Northern Colorado, has been a counselor for three years and has been at Penrose Elementary since 2017.

The award honors the professionals who devote their careers to serving as advocates – and often lifesavers – for their students.

Principal, Tamara Sobin, says that Morgan Mauro is a school leader who works to improve systemic programs to effectively meet the needs of all students at Penrose.

“As a leading member of the Multi-Tiered Students Support (MTSS) team, Mrs. Morgan has led the work for providing solid Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions for social emotional needs. By providing quality professional development, she has shifted the overall thinking about behaviors at Penrose to include teaching behavior expectations as a basic core instructional need. Her positive relationships with staff members have allowed her work in tandem to provide scaffolded Tier 1 social emotional instruction. She has worked alongside staff through lesson modeling, restorative circle facilitation, and teacher coaching. Her guidance has truly changed the culture at Penrose.

Mrs. Morgan Mauro shows empathy and a true interest in student success, says Ms. Alycia Trujillo, parent of Penrose students.

“My family has been attending Penrose Elementary for seven years, throughout this time we have had many highs and lows. As a mother

of five, I have found myself navigating the school system in different dynamics with each child. I have seen multiple principals; school counselors and overall staff come and go. With Ms. Morgan's kind heart and willingness to go beyond, she truly is the heart and soul of Penrose Elementary."

Morgan Mauro is a problem solver and works tirelessly to collaborate and create plans for students, says Ms. Patricia Dennard, colleague and school counselor at Grant Elementary.

"Morgan Mauro addresses individual needs academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. Her calm and professional demeanor never wavers. I have been in the field of education for the past 24 years as a teacher, a school counselor, administrator and behavior interventionist. By far, Brooke stands out as one of the most engaging, responsive and dedicated professionals I have had the pleasure to work with."

Morgan Mauro was honored as the 2020 Colorado School Counselor of the Year at a District 11 counselor meeting. She will also be recognized at the Colorado School Counselor Association Annual Conference on October 6-8 in Keystone, Colorado. The Awards Dinner will be October 6, 2021, at the Keystone Conference Center.

Morgan Mauro will represent Colorado as the School Counselor of the Year in the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) annual national School Counselor of the Year award ceremony.

### **About the Colorado School Counselor Association**

The Colorado School Counselor Association (CSCA) is a nonprofit, professional organization representing Professional School Counselors in the state of Colorado. As a state level organization of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), CSCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of professional school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. CSCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, social and emotional development, and career planning to help today's students become tomorrow's productive, contributing members of society. For additional information on the Colorado School Counselor Association, visit [www.coloradoschoolcounselor.org](http://www.coloradoschoolcounselor.org).

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