

Dr. Paul G. Young has worked as a teacher and administrator in schools in Ohio for more than 35 years. Originally a high school band director, Young also taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and served as an elementary school principal for nearly 20 years before retiring from work in the public schools. He served as the President of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in 2002-2003. He played a lead role in the development of collaborations between NAESP and NAA and the development of the workshop entitled *Aligning the Learning Day* which has been presented in numerous states for both principal and after school audiences.

Along with a committed group of community activists and volunteers serving his last school, West Elementary School, Young played a key leadership role in the development of the West After School Center, Inc., (WASC) a non-profit organization whose mission has evolved (with close partnership with the school district) into providing after-school, summer enrichment, and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meals for students and families of the Lancaster City Schools and surrounding area. Upon his retirement as a school administrator in 2004, he became the WASC's Executive Director and helped develop programs in an independent facility constructed to house after-school programs for West School. He has been active in the Ohio AfterSchool Association, the Ohio AfterSchool Network, and Ohio's Advisory Team for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) programs. He became a member of the Board of Directors of the National AfterSchool Association (NAA) in March, 2008, and became President and CEO effective January 1, 2010.

He is the author of *Principal Matters: 101 Tips for Creating Collaborative Relationships Between After-school Programs and School Leaders*, available from School-Age Notes in New Albany, Ohio, and other books for principals and music teachers, available from Corwin Press ([www.corwinpress.com](http://www.corwinpress.com)) and Rowman and Littlefield Education ([www.rowmaneducation.com](http://www.rowmaneducation.com)), formerly Scarecrow Press. He is also a columnist for EducationWorld.com ([www.educationworld.com](http://www.educationworld.com)). He has a strong passion for association membership development and mentoring a new generation of school principals and after-school program leaders.

Young holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Degree (Music Education), a Master of Music (MM) (Trombone Performance), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in Educational Administration from Ohio University, Athens.