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**Robert Huot Named Administrator of Excellence**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Robert Huot, Superintendent of Paynesville Area Schools, as a 2018 Administrator of Excellence. Huot received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. He was honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 8-9, 2018, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Huot’s achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. Huot has been serving as Superintendent of Paynesville Area Schools since 2011. Prior to his superintendency, Huot served as principal at North Junior High at the St. Cloud Public Schools.

In his first year as a superintendent, Huot led the efforts to pass a referendum and two years later, the district passed a building improvement bond and technology levy. Most recently, Paynesville has enriched curricular offerings, become a qComp District, and started a 1:1 initiative. Under Huot’s leadership, the district’s budget has significantly improved and most importantly, trust has been re-established between the district and community.

Huot is an active member with MASA and the Lions Club.

Huot received his bachelor’s degree in Education, master’s degree in Educational Administration, and a specialist diploma in Educational Administration from the University of North Dakota. He earned his Superintendent Licensure at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.

Each year, MASA recognizes members for their contribution to public education. MASA is a professional organization of Minnesota’s school leaders, including superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors of special education, and other central office administrators, as well as state department administrators, college and university professors, and other educators throughout Minnesota dedicated to educational leadership for students.

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