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**John Klarich Named Administrator of Excellence**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named John Klarich, Superintendent of Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools, as a 2018 Administrator of Excellence. Klarich 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.

Klarich’s achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. Klarich has been serving as Superintendent of Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools since 2008. He has been an educator for 44 years and has worked as a teacher, coach, elementary and junior high principal, and superintendent.

During his time as Superintendent, Klarich has successfully passed three operating levies, obtained funding for a new vocational center for the Nashwauk-Keewatin School District, and successfully obtained 85% non-local taxpayer funding for a new high school for the Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools to open in the fall of 2018.

Klarich is an active member with MASA and is a member of the following organizations: Education Innovation Partners (Treasurer), Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium, Northeast Service Cooperative, Northland Learning Center, and Northern St. Louis County School Collaborative.

Klarich received the Governor Rudy Perpich Educational Accomplishment Award and the State Service Cooperative Award (representing the Northeast Service Cooperative).

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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