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**Mark Matuska Named Administrator of Excellence**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Mark Matuska, Superintendent of Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools, as a 2018 Administrator of Excellence. Matuska 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.

Matuska’s achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. He has served the Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools as Superintendent since 2011. His regional colleagues feel that he leads the MASA Region 1 in talent, innovative thinking, and outreach to others in education. This past year, Matuska has been instrumental in professional development for the entire MASA Region 1, leading the charge to bring in First Training, hosting the training and sharing the resources with all schools. Matuska has been a strong voice for MASA Region 1 on numerous occasions including testifying at the Minnesota Capitol.

Prior to his time as Superintendent, Matuska served as Assistant Commissioner and Regional Director with the Department of Natural Resources and a District Director at United States House of Representatives. Matuska was a Middle School Principal at Watertown-Mayer Public Schools and Pipestone Public Schools, and he began his educational career as a biology teacher.

Matuska is an active member and leader in many educational and community organizations. His membership and involvement includes: MASA, American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Southeast Service Cooperative, Rochester Area Math and Science Partnership (RAMSP) Chair and Board Member, Journey to Growth Early Childhood Committee, Schools for Equity in Education (SEE), Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA), Care and Share Board Member, and the Lions Club International.

Matuska received a master's degree in Education Leadership, bachelor's degree in Life Science Teaching, and a Sixth Year Certification in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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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