

Minnesota Association of School Administrators

1884 Como Avenue • Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108 • (651) 645-6272

News Release

For Immediate Release: March 18, 2019

Contact:

Mia Urick, urickm@mnasa.org

Director of Professional Learning

MASA

(651) 645-6272

Dr. Chris Fenske Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Chris Fenske, Superintendent of the Lakeview Public Schools, a 2019 Administrator of Excellence. Dr. Fenske 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 7-8, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Dr. Fenske's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. In 2009-10, Lakeview became one of the first rural schools in the state to get an approved Q-Comp application. Through Dr. Fenske's leadership, Lakeview established early-out Wednesdays for their newly formed Professional Learning Communities (PLC's), which have increased both teacher and student performance across the district. Lakeview's approved Q-Comp application has now become a model for neighboring school districts within the region and across the state.

During Dr. Fenske's tenure, Lakeview replaced outdated technology with new access points and servers to create seamless wireless connections within the schools. He and his team created the Lakeview 21st Century Program, which provided an iPad for every Lakeview student in grades 3-12 over the course of three years. The district also expanded their technology department by adding an in-house technology integrationist to work with teachers on incorporating technology into their classroom or content area. The increase in technology capacity caused Lakeview to become one of the first schools in the area to implement e-learning days.

Dr. Fenske is in his 11th year as Superintendent for the Lakeview Public Schools. Prior to the superintendency, he was the Activities Director for the Breckenridge Public Schools.

Dr. Fenske is an active MASA member. He has served on the MASA Executive Development committee, Nominating committee, mentorship program, and is currently the Chair for Region 3. Dr. Fenske also serves on the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative's (SWWC) Superintendent's Executive Council and the SWWC Regional Management Informational Center Advisory committee.

Dr. Fenske received a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from St. Cloud State University. He earned a master's degree in Education Leadership and superintendent licensure from North Dakota State University. Dr. Fenske holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education and a minor in Athletic Coaching from Valley City State.

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.

###