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Dr. Scott Thielman Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Scott Thielman, Superintendent of the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose (BHM) Schools, a 2019 Administrator of Excellence. Dr. Thielman 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. Thielman's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. Under Dr. Thielman's leadership, BHM Schools changed school start times for students beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Thielman and district staff have presented information regarding the process BHM Schools used to change start times at The National Conference on Adolescent Sleep, Health, and School Start Times in Washington D.C., the Minnesota School Boards Association Winter Conference, MASA fall and MASA/MASE spring conferences and several Minnesota Sleep Society conferences.

BHM schools also aligned their concurrent enrollment course offerings to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Buffalo High School students can earn credits in the ten goal areas of the MnTC, which will satisfy students' general education credits for their first two years of college. The Buffalo High School MnTC is unique from all other programs in the state due to the partnership with four-year colleges and universities as well as a two-year community college and a technical college. The last calculated tuition savings for parents and students equaled approximately 1.8 million dollars.

Dr. Thielman has served as the Superintendent of the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools since 2010. Prior to Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, he served as Superintendent of Albany Area Schools and Kimball Area Public Schools.

Dr. Thielman has been an active member of MASA since 2002 and has held several leadership roles within MASA starting in 2006. He served on the MASA Board of Directors for nine consecutive years, first as a Board member for six consecutive years then as the president-elect, president and past president of MASA. Dr. Thielman also served as a leader and member of several different standing committees for MASA. Most recently, he served as a coach for the 2018 MASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy. Dr. Thielman was the recipient of the MASA Region 6 Public Policy Leadership award in 2010, the District Leadership Award in 2017, and he currently serves on the Region 6 Leadership Team.

Dr. Thielman earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and a master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Corpus Christi State University. He received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Teaching from St. Cloud State University.

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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