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## Superintendent Kerry Juntunen Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Kerry Juntunen, Superintendent of the Hermantown Community Schools, a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. Juntunen 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 12-13, 2020, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Juntunen has been with the Hermantown Community Schools since 1999. He has served as a fifth-grade teacher, sixth grade teacher, middle school Dean of Students, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and middle school Principal. Juntunen was named superintendent in 2015.

Prior to his time at Hermantown, Juntunen began his teaching career as a fourth-grade long-term substituted teacher with the McGregor School District. He then served as a fifth and sixth-grade teacher with the Wrenshall School District for 15 years.

Juntunen is a graduate of the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

*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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