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Superintendent Michael Muñoz Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Michael Muñoz, Superintendent of the Rochester Public Schools, a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. Muñoz 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.

Muñoz started his tenure as Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools on July 1, 2011. He worked collaboratively with staff, students, and the community to develop a five-year strategic plan with a mission to inspire, challenge, and empower all students with the knowledge and skills required to reach their full potential, to contribute to future generations, and to become involved members of a global community. Board members and stakeholders describe Muñoz as having extensive knowledge of all academic programs and services, as an advocate for high achievement for all, an excellent communicator, and a visionary leader. He engages the community, is collaborative in his work, and is highly respected by his staff as a productive and positive leader.

In his time at Rochester Public Schools, Muñoz has focused on increasing graduation rates, college enrollment, and the number of students on track to graduate college-ready. He has shown his leadership through collaboration and by focusing on the mission of the district. He works hard to develop and nurture relationships between all stakeholders and is steadfast in giving voice to faculty, staff, students, and the community.

Muñoz is a vital member of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, often serving on panel discussions and providing leadership to educators also provided leadership on what is now the STEM Forward committee. and business interests. He is respected by the many partners in the chamber and has led the way with the C-Tech program that has led to many local businesses collaborating with Rochester Area Public Schools. Muñoz

Muñoz is an active MASA member and has been a member of the Legislative Committee, serving as the Legislative Finance Sub-Committee Chair.

Muñoz earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in Developmental Counseling and administrative certification from Drake University in Des Moines, IA. He received his superintendent's credential and Certificate of Advanced Studies from Iowa 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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