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## Jerald Nesland Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Jerald Nesland, Executive Director of the Freshwater Education District, a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. Nesland 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.

Nesland started his administrative career in 1974 as Principal and then Superintendent in Cyrus, Minnesota. Nesland was Superintendent for the New York Mills School District for 16 years before being named the administrator of the Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls in 2003. Other schools he has served as Superintendent in include Halstad, Norman County West, Mahanomen, and Menahga. Before his administrative career, Nesland taught school for four years in Pierz, MN.

Nesland recently announced he is retiring from the Freshwater Education District effective June 30, 2020.

Nesland has been a member of MASA since 1977. His participation in MASA has included the Nominating and Member Services Committees. Nesland is also current member for the MASA Professional Assistance Team.

*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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