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Executive Director Jamie Nord Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Jamie Nord, Executive Director of the St. Croix River Education District (SCRED), a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. Nord received this award in recognition of her leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. She 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.

Nord began her tenure with the SCRED in 2007. She has served in several roles such as School Psychologist, Unique Learners' Manager, Director of Special Education, and currently as Executive Director.

Nord's achievements reflect her ability to lead important changes in the educational system. This past year, she has given extensive testimony on behalf of special education at the legislature. This testimony provided a clear roadmap for legislative changes to improve the special education services schools provide, while reducing the paperwork requirements leading to less teacher burnout, and a reduction in the cross-subsidy issues facing Minnesota school districts. Nord's persistence to improving outcomes for students has lifted the St. Croix River Education District to be held up as a model for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) in Minnesota and at the national level.

Nord is a participant in MASA Region 6 professional learning and meetings and on the MASA Legislative Committee. Nord currently serves on the MASE Board of Directors as the Area D Representative and is the Legislative Committee Co-Chair. She also has testified on behalf of MASE in the Senate and House Education Committees, served on PELSB workgroup as MASE representative, and has presented at numerous MASE conferences. Nord was also nominated to be the MASE President-Elect for 2020-21.

Nord received a master's free in Education and Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a 6th Year Certificate for Director of Special Education, K-12 Principal, and Superintendent 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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