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Superintendent Christine Tucci Osorio Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Christine Tucci Osorio, Superintendent of the North Saint Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District, a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. Tucci Osorio 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.

Tucci Osorio began her educational career in the Peace Corps, as a teacher-trainer in the island country of Kiribati. She worked for Saint Paul Public Schools for 19 years, beginning as an ESL teacher for children and adults. During her tenure at Saint Paul Public Schools, Tucci Osorio served as Principal, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Chief Academic Officer. She has been the Superintendent of North Saint Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District since 2015.

During her time as Superintendent, Tucci Osorio has been recognized for her leadership in building district-union relationships, passing a local operating levy after 12 years with no increase, and investing in facilities renovations. Tucci Osorio is highly focused on developing leadership in others. She is a regular mentor to numerous upcoming school leaders and dedicates her vacation time working with the American Association of School Superintendents to mentor and coach school superintendents in Puerto Rico.

Beyond MASA, Tucci Osorio is an active leader of the Association of Metro Area School Districts (AMSD) and a champion for the Reimagine Minnesota equity collaboration among urban school districts in Minnesota. She is currently the co-chair the Minnesota State Task Force on School Finance, whose work is to bring together perspectives from all parts of the state to consider how school finance can be improved for all of Minnesota. Tucci Osorio is the Past-President of MAASS (Mid-American Association of School Superintendents) and has worked to strengthen authentic communication among Superintendents across ten midwestern states.

Tucci Osorio earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree in Spanish, English as a Second Language, and Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She is currently completing her doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Development from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

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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