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Curt Tryggestad Named Minnesota Association of School Administrators Richard Green Scholar

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Curt Tryggestad, superintendent at Eden Prairie Schools, the 2015 Richard Green Scholar. Dr. Tryggestad will present his research, "The Role of the Minnesota Superintendent as a Technology Leader: A Delphi Study" at the MASA Fall Conference, September 27-29, in Duluth, Minnesota.

MASA, with the support of Cuningham Group Architecture, Inc., established the Richard Green Scholars Program in 2006 to honor the scholarly work and professional development of Minnesota school leaders. The program is an annual recognition of the research, writing, and *presentation* of a paper reflecting the practice of excellent school leadership. Scholar candidates apply for the program and a subcommittee of the MASA Executive Development Committee selects the recipient.

Previous to his position as superintendent at Eden Prairie Schools, Dr. Tryggestad served as superintendent at Little Falls Community Schools from 2006-2012. His previous administrative positions include superintendent at Esko Public Schools for three years and secondary principal at Pine City Public Schools for six years. Dr. Tryggestad began his career in education as an instrumental music instructor.

Dr. Tryggestad holds a doctorate and master's degree from St. Cloud State University and a bachelor's degree in music from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He received his licensure in educational leadership at Winona State University.

Dr. Tryggestad serves on the Minnesota Online Learning Advisory Council and has previously served on the Minnesota Technology Task Force in 2008, both appointments made by the Minnesota Commissioner of Education. In 2010, he was awarded the Administrator of Excellence Award by the MASA, and twice recognized by the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) with an Exemplary Program Award for a bullying prevention program.

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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