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Superintendent Connie Hayes Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Connie Hayes, Superintendent at the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District, as a 2016 Administrator of Excellence. Hayes has received this award in recognition of her leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. Hayes was honored for the Administrator of Excellence Award at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 10-11, 2016, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest, Brooklyn Park.

Her 34 years in public education has taken Hayes to all four corners of Minnesota. Her experience ranges from school psychology, special education coordination, curriculum, and the superintendency. In 2004, Springsted Incorporated asked her to "retire" from her job as superintendent at LaCrescent-Hokah to join their company. She spent two years at Springsted, determined to prove that the skill set she had developed in the public sector would translate to success in the private sector. In 2006, Hayes joined Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District in White Bear Lake, where she is thoroughly enjoying her unique superintendent job that involves ever-changing multiple partnerships and innovative initiatives.

Hayes has served as the MASA Treasurer on the Board of Directors, and she is currently serving as a Superintendent Component Group Board Representative for MASA Region 9. She also has been a member of MASA's executive development, legislative, and federal advocacy committees. Hayes is also a member of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

Hayes holds an educational administration – sixth-year degree in administrative leadership from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She received a master's degree in school psychology and a bachelor's degree in psychology and health education from Minnesota State University-Moorhead.

Each year, MASA recognizes members for their contribution to public education. MASA is a professional organization of Minnesota's school leaders whose members include over 900 public education and non-public superintendents, directors of special education, curriculum and technology leaders, other central office administrators, service providers, business partners and retirees.

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