

Minnesota Association of School Administrators

1884 Como Avenue • Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108 • (651) 645-6272

News Release

For Immediate Release: March 10, 2016

Contact:

Mia Urick, urickm@mnasa.org

Director of Professional Development

MASA

(651) 645-6272

U.S. Representative John Kline Receives the MASA Distinguished Service Award

(St. Paul, Minn.) – United States Representative John Kline from Minnesota’s second congressional district has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA). Representative Kline has received his award for his support of the children of Minnesota and for his contributions in activities that have improved Minnesota’s public education system. He will be honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 10-11, 2016, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

For the past 14 years, Representative Kline has been an advocate for our nation’s children and public schools. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2002 and has served as the Chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee since 2010 – the first member of Congress from Minnesota selected for this position. Representative Kline is a 25-year veteran of the Marine Corps, who also serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

As the Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, Representative Kline has been on the front lines of many battles affecting people in Minnesota and across the country. Representative Kline also assisted in the successful effort to replace the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 with the newly enacted Every Student Succeeds Act.

During his successful career in the Marine Corps, he served as a helicopter pilot and earned the responsibility of flying Marine One, the President’s personal helicopter. He also served as a personal military aide to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

“Minnesota educators have always been able to rely on Representative Kline’s leadership and support for teaching, learning, and providing adequate resources to educate our children,” said Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent of Sauk-Rapids Rice Public Schools and Chair of the MASA Nominating Committee. “On behalf of all Minnesota’s administrators, I thank Representative Kline for his 14 years of service to insuring a that every child in Minnesota has the opportunity to receive an excellent education.”

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.

###