



**Polaris,
the “North Star,”
is constant and
unmoving
in the sky.
A navigator’s
benchmark,
the star marks
“true north,”
the fundamental
direction
that defines east,
west, and south.**

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The MASA Polaris Leadership Award

The Minnesota Association of School Administrators, with the support of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., is pleased to sponsor the Polaris Leadership Award, presented each fall in recognition of exemplary school leadership by an MASA member with twenty or more years of administrative experience.

The award is presented at the MASA Fall Conference.

The recipient receives a recognition plaque and a monetary award.

The recipient will be asked to address the conference attendees.

A news release will be distributed to pertinent media in the coverage area of the recipient.

Selection:

Nominees may be self-nominated or nominated by another member of MASA.

Nominations must be made on the official MASA form available through the MASA office by the deadline date noted on the form.

A committee of MASA past presidents will select an annual recipient.

Criteria:

The recipient must be a current active or associate member of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

The recipient will have at least twenty years of successful educational administrative experience. Administrative experience may include the principalship, central office administration, and/or the superintendency.

The recipient shall have demonstrated the following attributes or characteristics throughout their career:

- professional courage leading to positive change
- creation of a legacy of excellent leadership
- a lifelong career contribution of commitment to excellence on behalf of all students
- exemplifying positive reasons that a person would choose to practice
- fostering innovation and ideas that make a difference for students and the school community
- a lifetime of balanced achievement inside and outside of education
- contribution to the practice of educational leadership through example and mentoring
- exemplary conduct reflecting integrity and bearing emulation
- significant tenure in each position to support district vision and affect positive change.

MASA is a member service organization of over 500 school leaders such as superintendents, directors of special education, curriculum directors, other central office administrators, and service providers. As advocates for children, MASA's educational leaders establish the statewide agenda for children, serve as the preeminent voice for public education, and empower members through quality services and support.

The MASA Polaris Leadership Award Application/Nomination Form

Return the nomination form to:

Polaris Award Nomination, MASA • 1884 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

FAX (651) 645-7518 • mrlaw@mnasa.org (If emailing, please attach the form as a pdf file.)

Nominations for the 2010 award must be postmarked by January 29, 2010.

Nominee's Name _____

Current Position _____

Present Employer _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ FAX _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Education:

College or University	Location	Dates Attended	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Administrative Work Experience:

Total number of years in administration: _____

Position	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Please list media contacts for whom MASA should provide a press release in the event you receive this award: (Note that you will also receive a copy of the press release which you may distribute as you choose.)

Name

Email Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please indicate examples of how this candidate has demonstrated the following attributes or characteristics throughout their career. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

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