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## Doug Johnson Receives Outstanding Central Office Leader Award

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Doug Johnson, Director of Technology of the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District, as the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Central Office Leader Award. Johnson received this award for exhibiting a willingness to risk, possessing strong communications skills, being a progressive change agent, and having high expectations for himself and others. He will be honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 8-9, 2018, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

During his time at Burnsville-Eagan-Savage, Johnson assisted in the successful passage of a \$25 million technology referendum levy, initiated a 1:1 technology program in grades 6-12, and implemented GSuite for Education, Schoology, MyOn Reader, and RapidIdentity SSO. The district was able to create a new position of Digital Learning Specialist in each of their elementary buildings to teach both students and staff about digital citizenship, technology skills and resources, and harness the power of MakerSpaces. Under Johnson's leadership, the district has supported the use of computer programs for interventions and as adaptive devices for special needs students. The district has partnered with businesses and other organizations to create their own “geek squad” to obtain 250 Wi-Fi Internet hotspots that can be taken home by financially disadvantaged students.

Johnson has served as a professional educator since 1976, serving in a variety of capacities including classroom teacher, and school librarian. Prior to his current position at Burnsville-Eagan-Savage, Johnson was the Library and Technology Director for the Mankato Area Public Schools where he led the district through amazing technological transformations including school and district networking, classroom technology integration, technology professional development for teachers, library program re-visioning, implementation of digital communication and management tools, and a 1:1 technology program for middle school students. Johnson also served as an adjunct faculty member of the Library and Educational Technology department for Minnesota State University, Mankato. Johnson earned his master's degree in Library Science from the University of Iowa. He received a bachelor's degree in English Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

Johnson has been an active member and leader in many professional associations and organizations during his career including: the American Association of School Librarians, International Society for Technology in Education, Minnesota Educational Media Organization, MASA, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

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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