Bill Adams Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Bill Adams, Superintendent of the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School District, a 2019 Administrator of Excellence. Adams received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. He was honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 7-8, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Adams’ achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. He has served as Superintendent of the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School District since 2012. During his time as Superintendent, Adams has implemented Professional Learning Communities using the Solution Tree Model, led the creation of a district-wide personalized learning initiative, and developed and executed the district’s current strategic and long term facilities plan. He conducted and passed a $1,682 per pupil operating levy and completed several facilities projects including a new athletic complex, kitchen, commons, secured entry, and classrooms. Adams also led the district's technology modernization to 21st century readiness, embracing the Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition (SAMR) model.

Prior to the superintendency, Adams served as an Elementary Principal with Renville County West Public Schools and then with Belle Plaine Public Schools. He began his career in public education with the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Public School District as a general teacher and special education teacher.

Adams is an active MASA and AASA member. He has served as a Region Leader for MASA Region 2, Legislative Finance sub-committee chair, Federal Advocacy committee member, and as presenter at the Great Start Cohort on the topics of social media and communications for new administrators.

Adams received a master's degree in Teaching and Learning from St. Mary’s University. He earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Middle School Social Studies from Minnesota State University-Mankato.

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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