

What is the P.A.T.?

The job of leadership in public school systems is very complex and leaders can run into many difficult situations be they with personnel, parents, communities or school boards. MASA wants to provide our members with as much assistance as possible. Therefore, in addition to the MASA legal support services, we have created the Professional Assistance Team (P.A.T.).

The Professional Assistance Team is made up of five individuals who have a wealth of experience in operating schools. The P.A.T. team will use their experience to help their colleagues when they need consultation and/or advice if they run into a difficult situation. Each member has promised to treat every contact with confidentiality. The only case in which information may be shared is in the event that a situation is complex enough that a member may require legal assistance, and will be directed to the MASA Executive Director.



The mission of the MASA Foundation is to enhance the leadership development of education administrators, to encourage and support individuals in careers in teaching or educational administration, to enhance the role and image of educational administrators, and to conduct research and provide information to policymakers and public at large. We know district administrators today often face difficult people, daunting situations and tough decisions with limited resources for effective support and coaching. We believe the P.A.T program directly supports our mission of leadership development and individual support by meeting the immediate need of our MASA members to confidentially discuss issues, seek advice, and receive valuable coaching from experienced and trusted MASA colleagues. The MASA Foundation is proud to sponsor the P.A.T. program and hopes MASA members will take advantage of this resource whenever the need arises.



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Meet the 2014 - 2015 **P.A.T.** members



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Virginia Dahlstrom retired from Wadena-Deer Creek Schools where she served as superintendent. Her non-traditional education career also includes directing three overseas schools.

Examples of services the **P.A.T.** provides:

- Answers to questions regarding your role as a superintendent
- Advice on how to handle specific situations involving the community, school board(s), employees, students, and operational situations
- Communication situations

P.A.T. members will always maintain confidentiality when working with our members.



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Patty Phillips has long experience as a principal, curriculum director and superintendent of the Virginia Minnesota Public Schools. She now serves as superintendent of the North St. Paul - Maplewood-Oakdale Schools in the Twin Cities area.



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Jerry Nesland has served many years as superintendent of schools, most notably at New York Mills School District. Since his retirement, Jerry has served various assignments at the Northwest Service Coop, Menahga and Mahnomon. He now serves as the executive director of the Freshwater Education District.



Jeff Olson
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Jeff Olson recently retired as superintendent of Saint Peter Public Schools. He has over 30 years of experience as a teacher, coach, curriculum director, principal and superintendent in public education.



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Carl Wahlstrom has over 30 years of experience as a superintendent in Minnesota. He has served the Mahtomedi and Lakeville school districts as well as the East Metro Integration District, a 10 district collaborative serving St. Paul and its suburban neighbors. Carl is now the associate director for administrative licensure program at St. Mary's University.