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Dr. Ronald Bratlie Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Ronald Bratlie, Superintendent at Cromwell-Wright School District, as a 2016 Administrator of Excellence. Dr. Bratlie has received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. Dr. Bratlie was honored for the Administrator of Excellence Award at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 10-11, 2016, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest, Brooklyn Park.

Dr. Bratlie's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. During his career, Dr. Bratlie initiated and supervised the construction of the first LEED certified building in Minnesota at Westwood Elementary in Zimmerman, Minnesota; designed and supervised the construction of the first LEED Gold certified elementary school in the Midwest at Twin Lakes Elementary in Elk River, Minnesota; has been selected to participate in Bush Public Schools Executive Fellows Program; was instrumental in establishing the Valley and Lakes Education District Interactive Television System; and has been a partner of the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative establishing the Tele-Presence Classroom Network. Dr. Bratlie has also been recognized nationally as a leader in high performance school building design and construction. He has shown more than 60 presentations across the nation at several conferences including: the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) National Conference, in Portland, Oregon; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Tools for Schools Conference in Washington, D.C.; the Vermont High Performance Initiative in Montpelier, Vermont; and the Kentucky Governor's High Performance Sustainable Schools Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Bratlie has received numerous awards including the: U.S. EPA's Indoor Air Quality Excellence Award, Elk River Energy City Excellence Award, Centerpoint Energy's first Lifetime Energy Conservation Partner Award, Minnesota State Child Nutrition Excellence Award, MASA's Administrator of the Year Award for District 31, and he was the first K-12 educator to receive the U.S. EPA's Public Service Award.

Dr. Bratlie has been an active MASA member for 39 years. He has served as a member on MASA's legislative and finance committee, testified at several legislative sessions on school finance, health and safety, sparsity aid program, deferred facility funding, and STEM legislation, and served as District 23's president. Dr. Bratlie is also a member of NASA, MREA, MASBO, Lions Club, and Phi Delta Kappa. He has served as the president for the Detroit Lakes Eagles Club and the Elk River Rotary Club, and as state president of the Minnesota Educational Facilities Management Professionals. Dr. Bratlie also served as an Elk River Police Reserve Officer.

Dr. Bratlie holds a doctorate in educational administration from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota. He earned a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and a Master of Sciences degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dr. Bratlie received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minnesota.

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.

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