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## Superintendent David Pace Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named David Pace, Superintendent at East Grand Forks Public Schools, as a 2016 Administrator of Excellence. Pace has received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. Pace 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.

Pace's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. During his career, Pace led the successful 2015 campaign for a \$20.6 million bond referendum. He led the passage of an excess levy in 2007 and renewal in 2011. He also provided sound financial leadership to develop a plan to bring the district's excess fund balance from -0.1% to 14.3% and facilitated direction for Alternative Facilities Bonding of \$6.1 million dollars. Pace led the district wide goal setting for improvements in technology, curriculum and student achievement including significant technology improvements and classroom integration, such as: SMARTboards for all K-8 classes, iPads for all staff, and wireless access in all buildings.

Pace has been an active MASA member for 15 years. He has served on the MASA Board of Directors (2013-16) and has been a member of the federal advocacy, executive development, nominating, and the legislative policy committees. He is also a member of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE). Pace was the recipient of the Kay E. Jacobs Memorial Award in 2002.

Pace holds a sixth-year diploma and a master's degree in educational administration from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from South Dakota State University in Brookings.

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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