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## Dr. Matthew Hillmann Receives Outstanding Central Office Leader Award



*Dr. Matthew Hillmann  
Director of Administrative Services  
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(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Matthew Hillmann, Director of Administrative Services at Northfield Public Schools, as the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Central Office Leader Award. Dr. Hillmann has received this award for exhibiting a willingness to risk, possessing strong communications skills, being a progressive change agent, and having high expectations for self and others. He will be honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 10-11, 2016, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Dr. Hillmann has led the re-organization efforts within Northfield Public Schools' district office, which has facilitated excellent relationships between departmental directors and has created a strong and collegial environment. He led the redesign of the district's principal evaluation as a part of the Minnesota Department of Education pilot program, along with co-facilitating the district's Teacher Development and Evaluation committee. Additionally, Dr. Hillmann has played a key role in leading the Transformational Technology initiative, which is focused on customizing student learning and has provided approximately 2,800 students in grades 4-12 with an iPad. He is also leading the district's master facilities planning process.

"Matt has done an excellent job of providing leadership for the two central office positions he has held. He has provided excellent oversight and insight into the finance, personnel, evaluation, instructional technology, operations and maintenance, and child nutrition needs of the district," said Northfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Richardson. "I believe Matt has demonstrated excellent skills and the potential to continue to do great things as a district administrator in Northfield. His skills, however, are not restricted to our district. His passion and commitment coupled with his talents and skills have allowed him to serve as a role model for MASA colleagues across the state."

Dr. Hillmann is an active member in many organizations outside of his position at Northfield Public Schools. His membership has included: MASA, the EdCamp Twin Cities planning team, #mnlead as a co-moderator, Rotary Club of Northfield, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Dr. Hillmann has also served as member of the adjunct faculty at Minnesota State University-Mankato and Concordia University-St. Paul.

Prior to his position as director of administrative services, Dr. Hillmann was the Director of Human Resources and Technology at Northfield Public Schools. He also served as a K-2 principal, a 7-8 dean/principal, along with district curriculum and assessment responsibilities at Belle Plaine Public Schools.

Dr. Hillmann holds a doctorate and an educational specialist degree in educational leadership and a master's degree in education technology from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He received his bachelor's degree in history from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York.

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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