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Kyle Breitzkreutz Receives Outstanding Central Office Leader Award

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Kyle Breitzkreutz, Director of Technology of the Sartell-St. Stephen Schools, the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Central Office Leader Award. Breitzkreutz received this award for exhibiting a willingness to risk, possessing strong communications skills, being a progressive change agent, and having high expectations for himself and others. He will be honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 7-8, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Breitzkreutz is an exemplary leader who has guided his district's instructional technology team, administrative team and teaching staff in transforming teaching learning by leveraging technology to enhance the student experience. In his tenure as Technology Director, Breitzkreutz has led Sartell-St. Stephen Schools students to full-access with iPads for grades 3-8, MacBook Airs for grades 9-12, and sets of iPads for all K-2 classrooms. Breitzkreutz has placed an Instructional Technology Specialist (ITS) at every school site to work with teachers and students to expand learning beyond the classroom and into the world. He also developed an Informational Technology (IT) team that meets daily to problem solve and proactively plan for system upgrades, device issues, cyber security, etc. There is an IT team member stationed at every school site to provide hands-on support.

Breitzkreutz has shown his ability innovate through the use of technology. The district's middle school has been working on providing Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) to its students. Under Breitzkreutz's leadership, they have grown this access from a pocketful of students to launching it building-wide. He has facilitated a leadership team made up of special education, general education, administration and instructional technology support to research and select tools that meet the needs of our early adolescents and provide unprecedented access to print materials via audio and visual supports. These tools include Voice Dream Reader and Book Share. The most recent accomplishment with this project was the purchase of the Voice Dream Reader application for 1,300 middle school students. No longer will our special needs students need to leave a room to get text 'read to them,' and all of our students are benefiting from this support tool.

Breitzkreutz has been the Director of Technology of the Sartell-St. Stephen Schools since 2012. He previously served as an Instructional Technology Specialist and Media/Technology Assistant. Breitzkreutz achieved his Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL) certification and was recently named the 2018 MN Technology Director of the Year from SourceWell (formerly TIES).

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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