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## Dr. Teri Staloch Named Administrator of Excellence

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Teri Staloch, Superintendent of the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, a 2019 Administrator of Excellence. Dr. Staloch received this award in recognition of her leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. She was honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 7-8, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Dr. Staloch's achievements reflect her ability to lead important changes in the educational system. Under her leadership, the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools approved adjustments to the district's strategic plan with the input of more than 123 school and community members. The strategic directions are goals that guide educational programs, services, and applied resources that will be implemented July 1, 2019.

After an unsuccessful referendum in 2016, Dr. Staloch implemented an unprecedented community engagement process for Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools. A 50-member community Facilities Task Force was formed that included additional community feedback loops and ultimately led to recommendations to the School Board to shape a new referendum request, which successfully passed in 2017.

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is also the only district in the state to have an Environmental Education (EE) program that grows with the students from early childhood family education (EFCE) to high school. The district's award-winning programs have been modeled by school districts throughout the state and country.

In 2013, the U.S. Department of Education recognized Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools as one of the first ever Green Ribbon Schools Sustainability Districts in the nation for their energy efficient buildings, healthy students and school environment, and environmental literacy of all graduates.

Dr. Staloch began serving as Superintendent of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools in July 2015. Prior to the superintendency, she served as the Assistant Superintendent for Osseo Area Schools and also held a position as Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Educational Standards in Osseo.

Dr. Staloch is an active MASA member currently serving as the Chair of the Executive Development Committee. She serves on the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board of Directors and the Executive and Legislative Committees. Dr. Staloch is also a member of Schools of Equity in Education, the Scott Family Net Steering Committee, and the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency.

Dr. Staloch received a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Administration and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Minnesota. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Luther College.

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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