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Lori Volz is a Director for Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Lori has thirty-seven years of experience in school finance in Minnesota; is a Registered School Business Administrator through ASBO International as well as a licensed School Superintendent. Lori has a Master of Science degree through Minnesota State University Mankato in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration through Minnesota State University Mankato. Lori was a recipient of a Pinnacle Award through ASBO International as well as a MASBO School Business Official of the Year.

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Ryan Fetter is a director and municipal advisor with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Ryan has served as a municipal advisor for K-12 schools, libraries, and other municipalities for more than 14 years. His experience includes: Tax-exempt and taxable municipal bond structuring and issuance, school budgeting, and capital planning. He is a member of the National Association of Municipal Advisors (NAMA). He holds a master's degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree from Wabash College (Crawfordsville, Indiana). Ryan is a registered Municipal Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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Ray Queener is the COO and Principal Consultant at TeamWorks International. He blends his experience across multiple arenas to assist clients in the areas of partnership skills, strategic growth, personality and motivation awareness, and systemic alignment and accountability.

Ray has a wealth of experience in education having served in multiple capacities over 30 years. His work in education began as a secondary math teacher in Luck, WI. Having a vision for integrating technology into the classroom, he was able to further that vision as he served as technology coordinator for South St. Paul Schools and later Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan (ISD 196). He transitioned to finance director at ISD 196 and later Stillwater Area Public Schools (SAPS) where he gained valuable experiences learning organizational operations while continuing to serve in public education. Both as an assistant superintendent at SAPS for 10 years and the last 6 years as superintendent for Cambridge-Isanti Schools, he has helped lead successful bond and levy referendums in addition to overseeing district operations.

Ray is recognized as a National Certified Superintendent through American Association of School Administrators (AASA) He earned his Doctorate in Educational Policy & Administration and received his Superintendent License from the University of Minnesota. He earned his Master of Arts in Educational Administration from St. Mary's University of Minnesota where he also continues on as adjunct faculty. He has a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education with a minor in Computer Science from the University of Minnesota.

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Dr. Deb Henton was appointed Executive Director of MASA on July 1, 2020. She had been an active member of MASA participating on various committees and served as President of the association in 2018-19. During her presidency, Dr. Henton worked with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director to advance the initiatives in the MASA strategic plan and worked to outline an initiative to increase the number of female superintendents. As Executive Director, she has continued these efforts while also focusing on inclusion and equity.

Dr. Henton's prior experience includes a wide range of experiences at both the school district and state level. She has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, executive director, chief of staff, and for thirteen years a school superintendent. Dr. Henton was appointed to two terms on the state Board of School Administrators by Governor Dayton and recently chaired the board before becoming Executive Director of MASA.

Dr. Henton is the recipient of a number of professional recognitions. In 2018, she was named the Minnesota Superintendent of the Year. In 2015, MASA's Region 6 awarded her as their Administrator of Excellence, and in 2014, she received MASA's Kay E.

Jacobs Memorial Award. She was named the 2011 eSchool News Tech-Savvy Superintendent and the 2013 Outstanding Service Award recipient from the Minnesota Service Cooperatives.

Dr. Henton received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 1999. She holds a master's degree in Educational Administration and a master's degree in Education, both from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Dr. Henton's bachelor's degree in Broad Field Social Studies and History is from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.