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President's Message

by Melissa Hanson, MASE President

*Executive Director, Meeker-Wright Special Ed.
Cooperative*

I want to extend my heartfelt welcome to each of you as we embark on another journey of learning, growth, and collaboration. This year, our path forward is uniquely...

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Fall Beginnings

by Erin Toninato, Executive Director, MASE

Greetings 2023 MASE members and welcome to the new school year. I hope that you are off to a great start and are looking forward to...

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Dr. Laura Pingry-Kile Receives MASE Legacy Award

We are proud to announce that MASE has named Dr. Laura Pingry-Kile, Specialized Education Services Director of Eastern Carver County Schools, recipient of the 2023 Legacy Award. Dr. Pingry-Kile will be honored for her commitment to encouraging, developing, and mentoring leaders who reflect the MASE mission at a statewide recognition ceremony during the 2023 MASE Fall Leadership Conference, October 22-24, 2023, at Madden's on Gull Lake.

[Read the full release!](#)





Fall Fundraising

Fundraising efforts at the fall conference support the Stenswick-Benson Scholarship Fund. Don't miss out on the MASE raffle, Wine Tasting, and Guess How Many! at the Fall Leadership Conference!



[Full details here!](#)



DR. SARAH MITTELSTADT
*Executive Director
Southern Plains Education Cooperative*



Council of Administrators of Special Education's

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

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Congratulations to Dr. Mittelstadt from the MN Administrators for Special Education!

The 2023 CASE Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award recognizes individuals making significant professional contributions to leadership behavior and field practice in the administration of programs for students with disabilities and/or who are gifted.

Full information about Dr. Mittelstadt's award will be released from CASE soon! She will be presented with her award at the 2023 CASE Conference in Pittsburgh, November 8-10.



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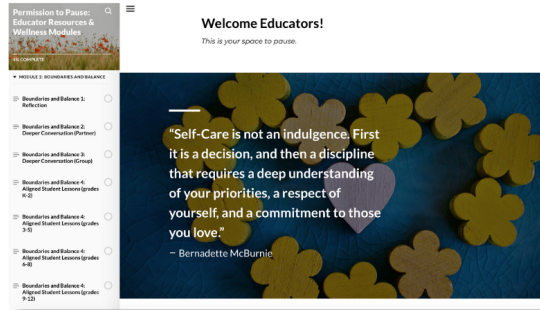
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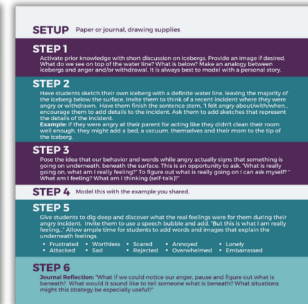
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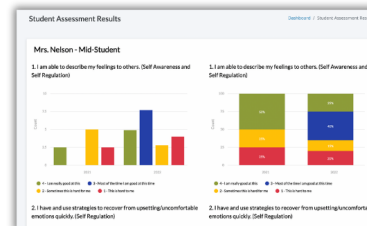
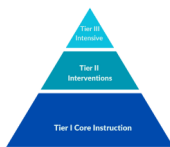
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Executive Director Connect in 2023-24!

You are invited to join MASE Executive Director, Erin Toninato, for virtual round table events. This is a new opportunity for MASE members to engage in an open forum discussion in the company of others in similar leadership roles. Participants may choose to share what is happening in their regions, ask questions, or be an active listener. Discussion items will be based on the interests and questions of participants at each meeting. Attendance is entirely optional.

Sessions for 2023-24:

December 12 | 1:30 - 2:30 | [Join with Google Meet](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

February 12 | 1:30 - 2:30 | [Join with Google Meet](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

April 24 | 1:30 - 2:30 | [Join with Google Meet](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

June 12 | 1:30 - 2:30 | [Join with Google Meet](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

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Check out the MASE Committees!



Fall Legislative Preview

by Valerie Dosland, MASE Lobbyist

I want to begin by thanking MASE for the opportunity to represent you at the Capitol. I look forward to working with you to advance MASE's legislative priorities...

Read more...

Mentoring in Retirement

by Jill Skarvold, Retiree Rep. to the MASE Board

I don't know about you, but even as a retiree, I don't seem to get over those nervous feelings that come rushing in as school starts each year...

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WHEN DOES “ADHD NOS” QUALIFY AS “ADHD” UNDER THE STATE OHD CRITERIA?

by Laura Tubbs Booth & Cameron Fox, Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A.



We believe that a court reviewing this question would find a diagnosis of ADHD NOS would meet the requirement of “documentation of a medical diagnosis” required...

Read more...

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NEW LEADERS COHORT

FOUR FULL-DAY SESSIONS
 October 24, 2023 - May 15, 2024
+ three additional virtual sessions for Director's Only



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- newly employed Minnesota special education directors
- mid-level leaders
- “newer” leaders looking for a training refresher

FULL INFO AT WWW.MNASE.ORG/NEW-LEADERS



TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Special Education Finance
- Supporting Special Education Staff
- HR Topics
- Managing Yourself
- Effective Communication
- Legislative Advocacy for SpEd Directors
- Non-Exclusionary Discipline
- ESY/Summer Planning Considerations
- Staff Workload and Caseload Models
- Legal Issues of the Day
- Mental Health Systems
- Working with Principal Leaders
- And more!*



Other Things to Know:

Due to the overlap of this publication there will be no bi-weekly MASE eUpdate today, Thursday, October 5.

- New Year! New U! Attracting and Recruiting Special Education Teachers in MN | [Full info!](#)
- Guidance on Providing Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Services until Age 22 ([MDE Email](#) | September 28, 2023)

New Members & District Changes!

Welcome new MASE members!

[Read more...](#)



SLICE of Collaboration!

Join your MASE colleagues for the "Slice of Collaboration!"

Looking forward to seeing you soon at Slice! CEUs will be awarded to attendees of each session!

[Full info & registration!](#)

Thank you Business Partners!

The MASE Business Partnership program strengthens the ties between MASE members and their collaborative partners in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Our goal is to advance the field of special education and improve student outcomes with an emphasis on proven evidence-based practices...



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