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Dr. Charlie Kyte Receives the MASA Distinguished Service Award

(St. Paul, Minn.) – The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named Dr. Charlie Kyte recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Kyte received his award for his support of the children of Minnesota and for his contributions in activities that have improved Minnesota's public education system. He will be honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 9-10, 2017, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

For nearly 50 years, Dr. Kyte has been an advocate for our nation's children and public schools. Dr. Kyte is currently a Partner at PEER* Solutions, a company that provides a sophisticated yet streamlined system for school districts to evaluate professional staff. PEER* Solutions has developed and supports products designed to promote professional growth. The company's initial entry into this marketplace has been through PrinEval-MN, an evaluation package focused on school principals. Users of the system are able to track the critical elements of self-reflection, administrator interaction, evidence collection, and results interpretation in order that authentic assessments can be made and meaningful growth plans produced.

As Executive Director of MASA from 2000-11, Dr. Kyte became one of the most respected voices for public education both locally and nationally. He was often asked to comment on educational issues by Minnesota's legislature, government, media and beyond. Dr. Kyte worked closely with members to develop and expand the member services of MASA. He is one of the founding individuals in the development of "Minnesota's Promise: World Class Schools; World Class State."

Dr. Kyte served as Superintendent at Northfield Public Schools from 1989-2000. Under Dr. Kyte's leadership, the district was recognized in 1997 Money Magazine's list of the top 100 schools in the US. Prior to his time at Northfield Public Schools, Dr. Kyte was Superintendent at Eden Valley-Watkins Schools from 1981-1989. He was also a high school principal for the Eden Valley-Watkins Schools and the Storden-Jeffers Schools. Dr. Kyte's teaching experience includes physics, chemistry, and math, as well as coaching and class advisory.

An active member of the Northfield community, Dr. Kyte has held board positions for the Northfield Area Foundation, the Northfield Community Resource Center, and is currently a member of the Northfield Rotary Club. He is also a current member of the St. Paul Midway Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Kyte is an occasional columnist for the Northfield News and other area newspapers. His former leadership roles have included participation on the local fire department and rescue squad teams, his contribution as a church trustee, and terms as president of the local Lions Club and Education District Chair. He is a former mayor of the City of Eden Valley.

Dr. Kyte received his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota. He holds a specialist's degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato, a master's degree from St. Cloud State University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. In addition, Dr. Kyte pursued post-baccalaureate studies at the University of Arkansas and he is a recipient of a Bush Fellowship, participating in the Bush School Executive Fellowship Program.

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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