

Cliff Carmody Named 2018 MASA Region 3 Administrator of Excellence

Cliff Carmody, Executive Director of SWWC, was named the 2018 Region 3 Administrator of Excellence. The award was presented during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 8-9, 2018, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

The purpose of this award is to honor an administrator from each of the nine Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) regions. MASA Region 3 spans the 18 counties of southwest and west central Minnesota. The person selected demonstrates active involvement in education and community affairs, is highly regarded as a role model to colleagues, is a progressive change agent, and has high expectations for self and others.

Comments from Cliff's award nomination form speak to his worthiness of this award. Colleague Paul Brinkman, Executive Director of Northeast Service Cooperative in Mountain Iron, shares that "Cliff Carmody is that rare individual that has leveraged a fully-developed career in education into leadership and innovation roles that expand and deepen our commitment to schools and students. And he continues to build upon his lifetime career contribution of commitment to excellence."

Redwood Area Schools Superintendent, Rick Ellingworth, says "Cliff is a first-class, genuine and committed leader in Southwest Minnesota. He is willing to get involved in regional activities and organizations because he is committed to making things better than they are. It does not matter if the times are good or if they are bad, Cliff's focus is on improvement. Once a plan is established, he is a tireless warrior in moving forward in an efficient and effective manner. Cliff is a calculated risk-taker who seeks broad input and collaboration with others. He has vision and he sees things through to their completion. Cliff exemplifies education at its best! His commitment to education as a profession, to his colleagues, and indirectly to the children throughout Southwest Minnesota is of the highest degree. He has been hugely successful in every educational position he has been in and has achieved extraordinary success. He has mentored many educational leaders, superintendents, principals, and business managers and has been exceptional in this regard. I believe Cliff is the consummate professional whose quality as a professional is only surpassed by the quality of his character."

More information about this award and a list of previous winners can be found at www.swsc.org/masa.

