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New Board Announced to Advocate for Greater Minnesota Education Holthaus Named MREA President

ST. CLOUD, Minn. – Minnesota Rural Education Association, the only organization advocating exclusively for Greater Minnesota students, schools, and cooperatives, announced today the election of new board members and officers for 2018. **Todd Holthaus**, superintendent of Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, has been elected President of the Board of Directors.

Other officers for 2018 include: **Lee Carlson**, President-Elect (Teacher, St. James Schools); **Karen Jacobson**, Secretary-Treasurer (Executive Director, Minnesota River Valley Education District) and **Rick Frederickson**, Past-President (School Board, Windom Schools). **Luther Heller** (Superintendent, Montevideo Public School) will serve in the at-large position on the Executive Committee.

Seven new members joined the 22-member board this year. Representing categories within geographic membership zones throughout Minnesota, directors are either elected by the membership or appointed to the Board.

New directors are:

- **Cliff Carmody**, Executive Director, Southwest-West Central Service Cooperative, Marshall
- **Gary Gauldin**, School Board, Park Rapids Schools
- **Susan Knutson**, Teacher, Eden-Valley Watkins Schools
- **Tim Lutz**, Superintendent, Kelliher Schools
- **Maydra Maas**, School Board, Westbrook-Walnut Grove Schools
- **Wendy Schoolmeester**, Professor, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall
- **Matt Schultz**, Superintendent, Lanesboro Schools

Kelly Berg, a teacher in East Grand Forks Schools, was re-elected for another 4-year term.

MREA, the Voice of Education for Greater Minnesota, speaks on behalf of 240,000 students. Under the leadership of school board members, teachers, administrators, and community members, MREA focuses on advancing the education, growth, and development of learners across Greater Minnesota to bring about our best possible future. Learn more at **MREAVoice.org**.

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